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#### Chinese ship waits at entrance to Gulf

DUBAt (R) - A Chinese ship suspected of carrying a cargo of chemical weapons materials to Iran was waiting Saturday outside the Straits of Hormuz at the entrance to the Gulf, a U.S. Navy spokesman said. Lieutenant Commander Bruce Cole said the U.S. navy was maintaining surveillance of the vessel, which was in liaman territorial waters Monitoring included 'visual sighting, radar contact, and could include aircraft surveillance," he said. "U.S. naval forces have done nothing to impede the progress of the Yanhe," spokesman Cole told Reuters. China's official Xinhua news agency, quoting officials at the China Ocean Shipping Corp, and the Yinhe would anchor 15 miles off Oman "to ensure the safety of the vessel and crew" and take on new supplies of fuel and water. The United States claims that the Yinhe is attempting to transport banned ingredients for chemial weapons to Iran. It has been tracking the ship and has vowed to inspect its eargn. Beijing taxy the Iran bound containers contain only paper goods, hardware and machine parts and has accused Washington of acting like "a self-anointed international policeman," by interfering in the ship's voyage.



#### Woman killed in Assiut shootout

ASSIUT (AP) — Muslim extremists ambushed a patrol car, and the gunfight when police returned fire killed a woman and wounded her nephew and a man sharing their taxi, authorities said Saturday, Salah Abdul Azim, chief prosecutor in the southern Egypt village Al Qusiva, said neither the police nor the three gunmeo were wounded. The allackers escaped, but Mr. Abdul Azim said they are Islamic extremists. The leader was identified as Ahmad Al Senoussi, a fugitive trained as a lawyer who is wanted for two attacks on Al Qusiya's police rest house in which two officers were stain. Mr. Abdul Azim also reported the arrests Saturday of two men suspected of being members with Mr. Senoussi of a six-man gar. responsible for the second rest house attack, last Monday. Shooting erupted as the police cruiser made a routine patrol of Al-Qusiva's streets. Friday night. A taxi carrying Soad Gomma, 45, her eight-year-old nephew and a 20-year-old passenger blundered into the cross fire. All three were hit, but the driver Mrs. Gomaa's brother, escaped injury. The Interior Ministry in Cairo said Mrs. Gomaa died in a hospital. 24 acquitted; Judge slams police, page 10

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## Speculation that Election Law might be changed shortly is scotched by officials

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff, reporter

AMMAN - Speculation is rife that the government of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majalı is about to recommend to His Majesty the King the adoption of a one-person-one-vote formula for the Nov. 8 elections but official sources insist that the enactment of a new law introducing the change would first have to pass through some constitutional stages which have not taken place

According to the speculation, mainly by people close to the government but not members of it, the adoption of a new temporary law to govern the next elections would come by Monday. Members of the Cabinet, however, discount that possibility since they say they have not yet looked at any draft legislation, and they are not even aware that it exists,

It was expected that the proposed amendment would come up for Cabinet discussion during Saturday's regular cabinet meeting, but soutces say that the Cabinet only discussed rounne issues and decentralisation in government.

A temporary law, which is enacted only in the absence of Parliament, has to go through a somewhat lengthy procedure beginning with a first draft presented by the ministry concerned - in this case the Ministry of Interior — to the Prime Ministry's diwan (office) of legislation and interpretation, which in turn forwards it to the justice minister for further study and consoltations with other ministries.

The draft law is then sent to the full cabinet for debate and approval, before submitting it to the King, who would accept or reject it.

If Parliament is in session, however, the law would be turned over from the Cabinet to the House where it is discussed and ratified.

The cabinet has not, as of yet, received any draft law for discussion" a senior official told the Jordan Times Friday. Theoretically, the law could be ratified by the Cabinet during one regular meeting of the Cabinet but the

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ary legislation and legal expens

say the deputies will bave a legal

action to challenge a possible

unilateral government decision to

change the law, 14 deputies failed

to agree on boycotting the elec-

tions if the government changed

the law but decided to contest

such decision in court, according

to former independent Islamist Deputy Leith Shbeilat, who

The former Muslim Brother-

hood, leftist and centrist legisla-

tors agreed to iovity other former

members of the House and heads

of political parties to another

moeting at the Brotherhood's

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Arab

League Secretary General Esmat

Abdul Meguid held talks with

Lebanese leaders Saturday on

ways of speeding up Arab aid to

South Lebanon, devastated in an

nations envoy flew in on -a

four-day visit to inspect the dam-

age inflicted on Lebanon during

the week-long aerial, naval and

Jan Eliasson, the U.N.

undersecretary-general for huma-

nitarian affairs, told reporters at

the airport he plans to work closely with a U.N. team which

Also Saturday, a senior United

Israeli assault last month.

ground bombardments.

Arab League,

hosted the meeting.

At a meeting to draft a plan of

senior official predicted that it would be discussed thoroughly because it is an important and cuntroversial law."

Controversy has surrounded the adoption of a one-personone-vote system since it became apparent that the government was considering such a move.

Political parties and personalities have been lobbying the public as well as official circles to preempt the desision, with some going as far as preparing legal cases against the enactment of a temporary law.

The government reportedly toved with the idea of effecting the change through executive orders, rather than issuing a new temporary law, but the proposed plan bad to be abandoned apparently because it would have been unconstitutional.

Sources privy to official thinking said it was inevitable for the government to change the law after its commitment to do so has become well known to the public.

The campaign for the change has reached its peak and it is apparent that with the approaching of the Aug. 15 deadline for registration the decision has to be announced very soon," one of the sources said, "The government's credibility rests on this change, and if it is not made today, it will be, tomorrow or sometime soon.

The change to the proposed system would mean that voters would be able to east their vote in favour of only one candidate in their district regardless of the number of representatives allocated to the district. In the 1989 elections, every voter was able to vote in all his or her district's deputies, a number which varies from one area to another, thus enabling the organised groups, but majoly the Muslim Brotherhood, to wio a large share of the

vote. Most political parties have announced their rejection of the imposition of a one-person-onevote formula. The powerful Islamie Action Front (IAF), which predicts toogh challenge from independent traditionalist candidates, even threatened to boycott the elections if the change was

Under the current bloc-voning system, the Muslim Brotherhood movement, which is the backbone of the IAF, was able to form alliances that enabled it to win 23

seats in the 1989 elections. The change, if it is made, would deny the IAF the opporunity to firm such alliances and therefore is unlikely to win more than 17-20 seats, according to analysts.

The government might have changed the law earlier, except for the concern about wellorganised groups such as the IAF heing able to mobilise their forces to offset the impact of the change, well-informed sources have maintaind.

"It is therefore possible that the government has waited this long (first until the July 31 deadline for voter transfer from one district to another and then until the Aug. 15 deadline for registering voters have passed) before issuing the temporary law," one of those sources said.

Other, equally well-informed sources, predict that the government might opt to delay its announcement for even longer time "to guard against linking the dissolution of the Lower House of parliament to the impending change." One of the sources said the government "wants to maintain an image of being democra-The 11th parliament was dissolved Aug. 4.

Opposition to the proposed law has unified the most unlikely political forces in the country who joined hands over the past few weeks to lobby against the

The LAF has been careful to say that it would boycott the next elections in case the law was changed to its detriment but the front still bopes to rally a similar position from other political parties before making such a move so that the boycott would "be politically effective.

To this effect, the IAF has held meetings with influential political personalities who have also expressed their opposition to the amendment. The latest meeting was beld late last week with former Prime Minister Taher Al Masri, former Irbid Deputy Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh, Com-

munist Karak Deputy Issa Mdanat and Amman Deputy Faris Nabulsi. Representing the IAF in this meeting was frbid Deputy Abdul Rahim Akour.

Sources close to the meeting maintain that there was no discus sion of preempting the decision to issue a new law but the conferees sought to lay down strategy to guard against boycott by any political party and the "resurgence of

Analysts have said that the oposed change is certain to tip the balance in favour of independent and traditionalist candidates and away from political parties' candidates. This analysis has encouraged many tribes in the Kingdom to coordinate their efforts and choose a representative from one tribe or another. Faced with this problem, political parties have integrated the tribal formula into their choice of candidates.

"It is too late to sit down and prepare to stop the law," a source close to last week's meeting told the Jordan Times, "This meeting, like many others that are taking place among concerned politicians, was to prepare for the next step," the source stressed, quashing earlier reports that the deputies who attended had sought to join forces and lobby against the enactment of a new

The IAF, during its meetings with the leftists and influential independents, bas been advised against boycotting the elections, and to focus instead on efforts to maintian the "integrity" of the elections, the source continued.

Earlier, representatives of political parties and opposition fi-gures as well as former deputies met in a bid to consider what to do on any "unconstitutional or illegal" government action concerning the controversial legislation.

At a meeting they held Tuesday, the majority of participants agreed to meet Saturday to continue coordination on the subject of changing the law but very few agreed with the organisers at the meeting, Leith Sbbeilat, that the dissolution of parliament was "unconstitutional and politically dangerous." (see story below).

court will have to decide whether

ments for both cases, Mr. Hikmat

said more legal experts agree that

deciding on that point is within

the authority of courts.

Accordingly, "the deputies will have a case," if they contest a

temporary legislation through

which the government might change the Election Law, Mr.

Opponents of changing the law, however, are not restricting

their arguments to legal consid-

crations. Politics figures bigh on

They say that changing the law will be "a blow" to the democra-

tic process in the country and will

will of the majority of the coun-

try's political forces, they say,

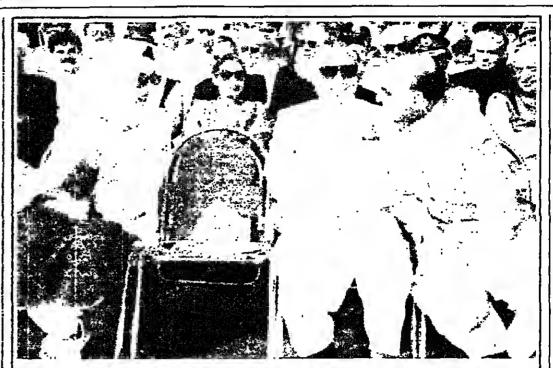
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bode ill for its future.



FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER: Pakistan's caretaker Premier Moeen Qureski (right) chats with former Prime Minister Bennzir Bhutto (left) during the Pakistani Independence Day ceremony Saturday.

Former Speaker of the National assembly Gohar Ayub (centre) under Nawaz Sharif's regime also attended the flag hoisting ceremony (AFP photo)

## U.S., Britain and France serve ultimatum on Libya

Combined agency dispatches

UNITED NATIONS - America, Britain and France say they will try to freeze Libya's financial assets and ban its purchase of oil equipment if Tripoli does not turn over two suspects in an airline bombing by Oct. 1.

The three nations, while codorsing the continuation of economie sanctions, said in a statement Friday that they would introduce "a resolution strengthening the sanctions in key oil-related, financial and technolo-

gical areas" (see text on page 2). Their statement, read by U.S. Ambassador Madeleine K. oon a ban on Libyan oil sales an embargo that would be opposed by Italy and other European nations which depend on

Libyan oil.

sought tougher terms, a 30-day deadline and an oil embargo, but Britain and France only would consider a ban on oil equipment sales to Libya, according to diplomatic sources. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. administration had

The Western diplomats said that the warning referred to a freezing of Libyan financial assets abroad, imports of oil-related equipment to Libya and other technology.

The statement by the three allies was issued after the 15-

member Security Council extended the aviation, arms and the families whose relatives died diplomatic sanctioos against Libya for a fifth time.

The Libyan government remained silent on the affair Satur-

present time," said a Foreign Ministry official in Tripoli contacted by Remers over the phone from Tunis. Libyan media had not reported

the ultimatum 12 bours after it was delivered. Recently progress has been re-

ported in arranging the surrender of the men. On Aug. 4, a U.N. spokesman

Libya were making progress in negotiations to bring the two Libyans to trial in Britain, Libvan Foreign Minister Omar Mustafa Al Muntasser conferred earlier this month with Secretary-General Boutros Ghali and d .

vered a new Libvan proposal. Dr. Ghali said later it calls fc. the men to be delivered for trial. Joe Sills, chief spokesman for

Dr. Ghali, told reporters that Libya wants a U.N. delegation to visit Tripoli to verify that there are no "terrorist" training camps in the country and to make arrangements for the two suspects' extradicion.

In another sign that the dispute would be resolved, a Libvan official said Monday that his country in the Pan Am bombing. Not all council members favour

toughening the sanctions. The resolution imposing the existing curbs was adopted by a vote of only 10 in favour, with five abday.
There is no comment at the

This was only one vote more than the minimum of nine needed to pass a resolution, in the abs-

ence of a big-power veto.
Those abstaining were China,
Cape Verde, India, Morocco and Zimbabwe. All are still council members except Zimbabwe.

since replaced by Djibouti, and India, replaced by Pakistan. During Friday's closed-door review, Pakistan's representative agreed to maintain the original sanctions but said his government "does not support the imposition

of any additional sanctions on Libya Speaking to reporters after closed consultations about the sanctions, Ms. Albright, the Security Council president, said: There was no agreement that the occessary conditions existed

for the modification," of sanc-As usual, there was no open meetiog or vote.

The United States and Britain

have indicted the two Libyans in

Mr. Abu Sbarif also called on the Israeli government to stop its "game of hide and seek" and

Last week, the PLO named seven of the Palestinian negotiators with Israel to a PLO committee, and said the seven now

nisation. official," Mr. Abu Sharif said

Saturday. that arrests have been made in a

"My information is that the more than this," Dr. Abu Nowar

told the AP. The Security officials had no details about how the plot was to be implemented, but said the men planned to assassinate King Hussein, 57, June 26 during the

of Amman. Nawaf Jdeifat, a businessman in Zarga, 25 kilometres northeast of Amman, told AP Saturday

He said that another son. Jihad, a police officer at Mu'ta,

in Irbid, said his son, Hussein, 19, an electrical engineering student at Mu'ta "disappeared in April,

(Continued on page 3)

## connection with the Pan Am Jordan holding 10 for

Jordanian authorioes have been holding 10 people for months on suspicion they were plotting to assassinate King Hussein at a university ceremony in June, international news agencies said Saturday.

Reuters, Agence France Presse and the Association Press said they were members of the banned Islamic Liberation Party. The party's spokesman and his assistants, Ata Abu Rushteh and Baker Khawaldeh, were detained on May 23, weeks after most of the others, the reports said.

They said 31 students and members of the Mu'ta University but soldiers at the heavilystaff were arrested April 15 after the plot was uncovered. Twentyibree suspects have been freed, most of them this week, after extensive interrogation.

been fixed, they said.

All those arrested in April were suspected members of the ILF, which seeks to establish an Islamic state in Jordan, the agency reports said.

The arrests were first reported last month by their families and the Cairo-based Arab Organisation for Human Rights, which complained that 31 suspects were being held without charge.

students at Mu'1a University,

#### earlier this month and will probably stand trial after Aug. 20,

Relatives quoted in the reports said the authorities would also try them for membership of an illegal Islamic group. The government has declined Official sources quoted by

comment on the detentions. "We have nothing to say," an official spokesman was quoted as saying Reuters. Information Minister Ma'n Abu Nowar confirmed to the AP

state security matter, but would give no details. issue is in the hands of the judiciary, but I cannot say anything

graduation ceremony at Mu'ta University, 130 kilometres south

that his son Fouad, 21, was among those soll in jail.

was released Tuesday. Ali Mustafa Jidi, a contractor

#### Arafat adviser proposes **Jericho** government

Combined agency dispatches

PARIS (R) - A senior aide to Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has proposed that the PLO establish a provisional gov-ernment under Mr. Arafat's leadership in the occupied West Bank town of Jericho.

"I suggest the formation of a provisional Palestinian government including people from the occupied territories and the PLO. perhaps also some members of its Executive Committee," Bassant Abu Sharif told the French daily Liberation in an interview published Saturday. Mr. Abu Sharif said Mr. Arafat

would bead the government which he said "could in the near future negotiate the final stage of the peace process in order to resolve problems in a more offi-

cient way."
He said the provisional government could be based in Jericho on the West Bank.

Mr. Abu Sharif, a poliocal adviser to Mr. Arafat, said he believed the plan could help break the deadlock in the talks over the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Speaking to Israel army radio in a telephone interview from Tunis Saturday, Mr. Abu Shari? said it was his personal plao and that be bad not discussed it with others in the PLO.

Israeli Cabinet Minister Chaim Ramon immediately rejected the idea, saying it violated the Israeli-Palestinian agreement to move towards a settlement in two

Under that agreement, Palestimans and Israelis are to oegotiate a formula for limited Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, and in the third year of

autonomy talks on the final status of the territories are to begin. But Palestinians want stronger assurances that autonomy would

not be the end of the road for them. Several compromise proposals have emerged, including the idea of Israeb withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho before an interim settlement has been worked

Mr. Abu Sharif proposed that the joint government would have temporary headquarters in Jericho, until the occupations ended and the final status and full sovereignty of the Palestinians in the occupied territories is achieved."

regotiate directly with the PLO. Israel still refuses, though it has been edging closer to recognising the PLO through a series of meetings between cabinet minis-ters and PLO officials.

officially represented the orga-"They (the negodators) were always members of the PLO. but if you like it, it is now public and

Israeli officials have ignored the declarations about the delegates' status. Israel has acknowledged that the Palestinian negotiators get their instructions from Tunis. But it stops short of talking to Mr. Arafat himself for fear he would raise a new set of demands and be unwilling to stay within the two-stage formula. Asked by Liberacon if the

negotiating team might be reshuffled, Mr. Abu Sharif said, "the delegation will continue its work until there is a qualitative change in relations between the PLO and the Israeli government. And I think that will happen quickly."

"Conditions are ripe so that very quickly there could be new contacts between PLO officials and members of the Israeli government," Mr. Abu Sharif said. Mr. Abu Sharif said last week's

PLO crisis was one of logistics because the negotiators lived in Jerusalem and the PLO leadership was in Tunis.

The Arafat aide said the talks were entering a key period "which should lead to something concrete before the end of the" vear."

#### By Ayman Ai Safadi former lawmakers approved of a determining the existence of the Jordan Times Staff Reporter statement condemning the Aug. 4 dissolution of the House as ununconstitutional for the governextraordinary situation existed or AMMAN - A number of former ment to change the law through a not is an act of sovereignty that only the political power can rule members of the Lower House of constitutional and warning of a provisional legislation. legal action against the govern-ment if it changed the Election on or a part of its jurisdiction as a Parliament Saturday renewed The Constitution empowers court of justice. their threats to take the govern-King Hussein to issue temporary ment to court if it changes the And while there are legal argu-

But deputies who participated in that meeting later told the Jordan Times that they did not agree with Mr. Sbbeilat that the dissolution of Parliament was unconstitutional. "We only agreed to hold further meetings on the

legislators.

under a new law.

office to discuss the issue on making but there are many in-Saturday's discussions were a dications that it is heading in that follow up on a meeting held Wednesday after which Mr.

Sbbeilat claimed that at least 25 they will contest the change on

Jordan's largest policial party.

the Islamic Action Front (IAF). has earlier threatened to boycott the polls if they were to be held

issue of changing the Election Law," one of them said.

Some deputies pursue legal challenge

to possible changes to Election Law

Mr. Shbeilat contended that despite the low turn-out at Saturday's meeting, he was "certain of rbe support of at least 30 to 40

The government has not yet announced a decision on whether a change of the law is in the

has been in Lebanon for a week

to assess the damage in southern

Eliasson held talks with president

Elias Hrawi and Prime Minister

visit to Lebanon as secretary-

general of the Arab League, mel

separately with Mr. Hrawi, Mr.

Hariri, Foreign Minister Faris

Bouez and Parliament Speaker

"I am fully prepared to under-

take whatever effort is required

to implement Arab League re-

He left after the talks.

Dr. Abdul Meguid, on his firsI

Shortly after his arrival, Mr.

villages and towns.

Rafik Al Hariri.

Nabih Berri.

Mr. Shbeilat and the IAF said

the grounds that it would be

legislation in extraordinary situations, on the recommendation of the government. Opponents of the change say these situations do not exist now and the government could have presented any new legislation to the House had it not been dissolved. The mandate of the 11th Parliament would have

ended on Nov. 23. A prominent Jordanian lawyer sold the Jordan Times Saturday that the deputies will have a case if they meet two conditions. First if they cite the dissolution of Parliament as a prelude to introducing the temporary legislation. Second, if the court decided that it was within its jurisdiction to determine whether the extraordinary situations in which the Constitution allows for provision-

al laws existed or not. Former Cabinet member and lawyer Taher Hikmat said that the government and the democrabefore looking into the case, a tisation process.

U.N. discuss Lebanon aid guerrillas in the south. solutions providing for aid to Lebanon, Dr. Abdul Meguid said upon arrival at Beirut airport at 10:30 a.m. (0730 GMT). After meeting Mr. Hrawi, Dr.

> countries before he begins a tour in the region to collect the promised aid. He said it was not yet decided whether Mr. Hariri would accom-

Abdul Meguid said he plans to

dispatch an envoy to several Arab

pany him, as earlier press reports suggested. The foreign ministers of Arab League countries have promised \$500 million in aid to Lebanon following the Israeli blitz against

Several Arab countries, mainly Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Syria. have already sent tents, blankets, mattresses, medicines and food to families in South Lebanon.

Dr. Abdul Meguid said the Arab League welcomed Beirut sending 300 troops south last Monday as such steps could stabilise the area but guerrillas should continue to resist Israel's occupation of Lebanon.

"Resistance of any occupation legal" he told reporters at Beirut airport. "There is an occupation and this occupation

## U.N. seen practising for raid

on Aideed MOGADISHU (Agencies) -

About 15 helicepters, including wasp-like Cobras and bulkier Blackhawks, took off in a swarm from the seaside airport and swooped over the city for several

military convoy in central Mogadisbu and killed four U.S. sol-

The United Nations has offered a reward of \$25,000 for

Despite a series of bloody U.N. assaults on houses and districts guerrilla war.

Air traffic into Mogadishu's U.N.-controlled airport was briefly halted Saturday when U.S. attack helicopters staged exercises that could be ald an attack

on fugitive warlord Mohammad

defended airport said the aircraft were practising for an attack on General Aideed. Several practice runs have taken place since last Sunday. when gunmen ambushed a U.S.

blew up their vehicle.

loosely-controlled by the former army general and rebel leader, Gen. Aideed has avoided capture and has organised a hit-and-run

# plot against the King

minutes before landing again. There was no official comment

diers with what appeared to be a remote-controlled bomb that

the arrest of Gen. Aideed, who it accuses of ordering the massacre of 24 Pakistani troops in early

Eight cadets remain in jail and two are at large, the officials said. The 10 will be formally charged at a public session of a special State Security Court. But the date for the hearing has not yet

The detainees, most of them

some time...

Demjanjnk.

While the WJC said the letter appeared to have unduly influ-

enced Mr. Harish, some sources in the Jewish community won-

dered whether Mr. Harish

wanted such a letter to help bols-

ter his controversial decision not

to seek further prosecutions of

The Israeli supreme court is

expected to decide hy next week

whether Demjanjuk, 73, will be

prosecuted nn charges that he.

was a guard at other camps or

released - prohably to the Un-

ited States where he is appealing

the extradition order that sent

WJC sources said Thursday that the day before Mr. Harish

was to announce his decision the

Justice Ministry received a letter

from a first secretary at the U.S.

On Friday the WJC released a

copy of the letter written by Mr. van Son. It said in part:

"If Mr. Demjanjuk continues to be detained by order of the

(Israeli) supreme court beyond

the hearing presently scheduled for August 11, I wish to inform

you that I have been requested orally hy attorneys in the Department of State to ask the Ministry of Justice for an official and legal

explanation of why the ministry

does not believe this detention to.

be a violation of article 13 of the

The letter was passed on to the

Justice Ministry and was taken

into consideration by Mr. Harish-

him to Israel in 1985.

## Glimmer of progress appears on Mideast peace

TUNIS — A glimmer of progress has appeared nn Middle East peace. Israel has taken new strides towards direct talks with Palestine Liberatinn Organisatinn (PLO) and the Palestinians have reorganised their leadership to be ready for hard deci-

A leadership crisis amnng the Palestinians ended Thursday with Yasser Arafat conceding seats on a top PLO committee to peace delegates from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That means Israel will be negntiating with the PLO when peace talks resume in Washington nn Aug. 30, as

looks likely.

Israel, which used in dismiss the PLO as "terrorists", barely hlinked. "For us it doesn't matter," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said. "It's the same members of the delegation, the same names, the same people, the

same procedure. The Palestinians also decided to form "reference bodies" throughout the occupied territories and revive a "national dialogue," aiming to rally ordinary Palestinians to support the peace process and keep even opponents in-

formed. The moves do not solve the basic argument over how much independence Israel is ready to give Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, the

issue at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But they begin to create a framework in which a fair compromise could be made and then successfully sold to the Palestinians in the occupied territories and scattered through the Middle East and the rest of the world.

If Israel fully accepts the PLO, officials in exile as well as delegates from the occupied territories, the Jewish state would finally be negotiating with the leaders most Palestinians regard as their legitimate representatives: The people authorised to make a deal.

"I see the emergency of a possible historic outcome," PLO strategist Nabil Shaath said. "In every case of decolnnisatinn that you know and in every case of serious people-to-people conflict, the real hreakthrough comes when the occupied recognises the outside leadership of the

The Israeli taboo on nego-tiating with the PLO has been melting away since a law banning contacts with it was repealed in January. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid met Dr. Shaath in Cairo last

The Palestinians hope dialogue with the PLO will make it possible to start negotiations now on a final settlement in the West Bank and. Gaza, hreaking the deadlock in the official peace talks on a five-year interim perind nf Palestinian self-rule.

The higgest nbstacles tn prngress on the interim period are fears of preempting the final settlement.

Israelis block anything that might support future Palestinian claims to an independent state. Palestinians refuse anything which might admit future Israeli claims to any nf the occupied land.

If the deadlock can be hroken, the new nrganisa-tions set up by the Palesti-nians in inform and involve their people will be vital to convince a sceptical, even despairing public.

We should take into consideration that maybe in a short period of time we shnuld take hard decisions," Yasser Abed-Rahbo, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, told Reuters on Thursday.

"If we cannot have a referendum, if we cannot have a way to ask the people about their position, we should find some ways of contacting the people and telling them.
"It is not enough to have a

meeting of the (Palestine) Central Council and say we discussed everything there. There are people in every place, in every region, who feel they are interested and feel they should share the responsibility of taking the decisions," he said.

Movement on the Palestinian issue would immediately produce progress in negotia-tinns between Israel and the other Arabs - Syria, Lebanon and Inrdan.



RELIEVED: Marim and Khadiga, daughters of one of the fundamentalists on trial for the assac-sination of parliamentary Speaker Rifast Al Mah-joub, visit their father Saturday. The high state security court acquitted all 24 Islamic militants

but it sentenced 10 of them to jail terms ranging from 3 years to 15 for carrying weapons and forged

### **Hizbollah commemorates Obeid abduction**

JIBSHEET, Lebanon (AP) — Hizboliah (Party of God) Friday commemorated the abduction of one of its clerics by Israeli troops four years ago with a pledge to keep up its armed struggle against

Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, a mosque preacher and Hizbollah member, was taken from his home in the village of Jibsheet on July 28, 1989, hy helicopterborne Israeli commandos.

To mark the occasion, Sheikh Naim Qassem, deputy leader of the Shiite Muslim group, led a rally in Jibsheet's main mosque. Sheikh Obeid's four young children, attended the gathering.

"Resistance is an act of fighting and confronting the enemy. Sheikh Qassem said. "This is nor

He called for financial support from the Lebanese people and government to help sustain the armed resistance and the civilian population facing Israeli re-

Jibsheet, a major Hizbollah

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week-long Israeli air, naval and artillery attacks in late July that destroyed 70 villages in South Lebanon, killed nearly 150 people and wounded about 500. Nearly 500,000 people were dis-

The offensive was triggered hy guerrilla attacks against Israeli troops occupying the so-called "security zone" in South Leba-non and rocket harrages across the border.

placed in the campaign.

The Israeli campaign was halted by a U.S.-brokered ceasefire July 30.

Sheikh Qassem urged the Beirut government tn "save no effort at all international levels to bring the release of Sheikh Obeid and all the (boly fighters) held by

Hizbollah claims to hold at least two Israeli servicemen captured in an amhush in South Lebanon Feh. 17, 1986. Sheikh Obcid's release has been a key demand by the group.

Israel believes the two soldiers, Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh. died after their capture

from wounds they suffered during

the amhush. Israel, has reportedly demanded accurate information on the two servicemen as well as airman Ron Arad who was captured when his jet fighter was downed in South Lebanon Oct. 16, 1986.

Sheikh Oheid's 11-year-old son, Sajid, addressed Friday's rally. He said: "We, Sheikh Obeid's four children, plead with international and humanitarian organisations to obtain our father's freedom like they worked for the release of the Western hostages."

me 90 foreigners abducted in Lebanon during the civil war which ended in 1990. The last Western bostages, two German relief workers, were released in Beirut June 17, 1992.

"Is it fair that foreign hostages return to their families while we remain without our father?" said Sheikh Obeid's eldest son.

The cleric's daughter, Mujahida, 5 and two other sons Mujahid, 10, and Mnjtabih, 6, sat in



Children of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, a pro-Iranian Hizboliah leader who was kidnapped four years ago by the Israeli army in southern Lebanon, stand Friday under an effigy of their father, who is still held in Israel (AFP photo)

## Text of statement warning Libya

statement issued Friday by the United States, Britain and France threatening tougher sanctions against Libya unless hy Oct. 1 it surrenders for trial two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people:

Over 16 months have passed since the Security Council imposed sanctions on the govern-ment of Libya for failure to comply with its demands as set forth in United Nations Security Council Resolution 731 that Libya commit itself concretely and definitively to cease all forms of terrorist action and all assistance to terrorist groups, agree to surrender the two accused of bombing Pan Am 103 for trial in Scotland or the U.S., respond fully to the requests put forward by the French judge investigating the bombing of UTA 772, and provide evidence or information about the bombings of Pan

Am 103 and UTA 772. Today, for the fourth time. the council has reviewed Libyan compliance with sanctions as called for in U.N. Security Council Resolution. 748 and found Lihya once again to be in defiance of the will of the international community. Instead of seeking ways to cooperate with the council and the U.N. secretary-general, Libya has consistently sought ways to avoid full

compliance.
The U.S., U.K. and France have phserved with diminishing patience that the U.N. secretary-general's envnys to. Tripoli repeatedly come back. empty-handed, without indications of compliance although with many assurances of Libya's cooperation. We have waited the four months requested hy the Arah League secretary-general who wished to serve as an intermediary between the international com-

have repeatedly rejected Lihyan efforts to distract the international community from its lack of compliance with empty offers to surrender the Lockerhie suspects and to comply with the requirements of French justice and to prove their partial compliance with the Security, Conneil's de-

However, our three govern-ments, in the interests of giving Libya one last chance, have asked the U.N. secretarygeneral to look into the matter and take the necessary steps, tion hy the Libyan government of Resolution 731 within 40 to 45 days.

If, hy Octnber 1, the Libyan government has failed to comply with resolutions 731 and 748, including the transfer to U.S. or U.K. jurisdiction of the Lockerbie suspects and compliance with the requests of French justice on UTA 772, we will table a resolution strengthening the sanctions in key oil-related, financial, and technological areas.

Once more, nur three governments reiterate that they have no hidden agenda and that, on the contrary, upon full implementation by Libya of Security Council resolutions 731 and 748, the conditions would be met for the lifting of sanctions hy the Security Council.

List of sanctions

The following mandatory sanc-tions have been in force against Libya since April 15, 1992. They were imposed by Security Council Resolution 748 (1992), adopted on March 31, 1992, by a vote of 10 in favour and none against, with five abstentions. It gave Libya a two-week grace period before the sanctions went

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All countries, must prohibit any planes from using their territory or airspace on their way to or from Libya, unless a Security Council sanctions committee grants an exception on humanitarian grounds.

Also banned are the supply to Libya of any aircraft or aircraft parts, engineering or mainte-nance services for Libyan planes, any certification of airworthiness, new insurance for Libyan aircraft or the payment of claims against existing insurance contracts.

Arms embargo

All countries must bar the sale or transfer to Libva of arms and related material of all types, including ammunition, military vehicles, paramilitary police equipment, as well as spare parts for any of those items.

They are also barred from providing Libya with any technical advice or training related to the supply, manufacturer, maintenance or use of those items, and must withdraw any of their officials advising Libya on military matters.

Diplomatic embargo

All countries must significantly reduce the number and level of staff at Libyan diplomatic and consular missions on their territory and restrict the movement of those staff whn remain. In the case of international organisations, the host government may consult the nrganisation concerned on what measures to carry

All countries must also prevent the operation of all Libyan Arab Airlines offices.

They must deny entry to, or expel. Libyans who have been denied entry to, ar expelled from, other countries because of their involvement in "terrorist" activi-

## U.S. letter demanded Demjanjuk's release

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The U.S. embassy in Israel has written the Israeli government that the continued detention of Julin Demjanjuk may violate its extradition treaty with the United States, according to a copy of the letter obtained by the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

The letter, signed and deli-

vered to Israel's justice ministry by Paul B. van Son, first secretary of the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, requested "an official and legal explanation" as to why Demjanink, the retired Ohio autoworker recently acquitted by Israel's supreme court of Nazi war crimes, was still in prison.

Mr. Van Son wrote Ruth Rubin, an official at the Justice Ministry, that he was acting at the request of State Department lawyers. The content of the threeparagraph letter was provided to a reporter Friday hy the World Jewish Congress.

They expressed in me concern that the government of Israel may be in violation of the 'specialty role' of the U.S.-Israel treaty," Mr. Van Son said in the letter. The State Department said Friday that the letter, was nnanthorised and refused to repudiate its

contents. The WJC said the letter's call for Demjanjuk's release may have unduly influenced Israeli attorney general Yosef Harish into deciding this week against further prosecutions of the man acquitted of being guard at the Trehlinka camp.

"It may be that John Demjanjuk is being released un the basis nf a crude deceptinn," WJC Vice-President Kalman Sultanik said of the letter from a first secretary. The State Department said the

letter was sent by the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv without high-level authorisation. But it added, "although the letter was prepared and sent without the knowledge or approval of officials in Washington, the issues

raised in the letter have been the

subject of informal discussions

between our governments for

in making his decision, the WJE. The Cincinnati-hased sixth-U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. ruled last week that Demianink, 73, should be able to return while the court investigates his 1986.

extradition treaty."

ticipate in the investigation. The court is to hear arguments Sept. 3 about whether the Justice Department withheld information Demjanjuk could have used to fight his extradition.

extradition to Israel. The court,

said it needs Demianjuk to par-

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Turks say rebels suffer heavy losses

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish troops inflicted heavy casualties on rebel Kurds in fighting near the Iranian border on Friday, the Anatolia news agency reported. It quoted officials as saying soldiers, warplanes and helicopter gunships struck against members of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) near the town of Yuksekova in Hakkari province. Officials said the operations began after large groups of PKK guerrillas were spotted. It did not say how many PKK fighters were killed. In another clash gendarme commandos killed 14 PKK guerrillas in a gunbattle near the town of Cukurca, also in Hakkari province, security officials said. They said the fighting occurred on Thursday might after rebels raided a gendarmerie post near the Iraqi border. Six commandos were wounded in the fighting.

#### Denktash warns EC on Cyprus entry

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has warned the European Community (EC) that Cyprus' application for full membership of the community is illegal, the Anatolia news agency reported Friday. It said Mr. Denktash stated in a letter to EC Commission President Jacques Delors that the Cypriot bid was unlawful because the Turkish Cypriots had not been consulted. Mr. Denktash, president of the breakaway Turkish republic of northern Cyprus which is recognised only by Turkey, also said U.N.-sponsored talks on reuniting the island would be endangered and its division legalised if the EC accepted Cyprus' membership. Anatolia did not say when the letter was sent. Cyprus has been divided since Turkish troops invaded and occupied the northern two-fifths of 1974 after a short-lived coup backed by the junta then ruling Athens aimed at uniting the island with Greece. The Republic of Cyprus in the south, which is internationally recognised as the sole government, applied for full EC membership on July 3, 1990. EC officials say Cyprus is eligible for membership but negotiations will start once a settlement of the Cyprus problem is

### Dietician jailed for trying to poison food

NICOSIA (R) — A dietician was sentenced to one year in jail Friday after a Cypriot court found her guilty of attempting to poison health foods. Maria Martin, 50, chief dietician at Nicosia hospital, was caught red-handed last January trying to sprinkle acetone, used as a nail polish remover, on foodstuffs in a local supermarket. The reason for her action was to discredit the company which was supplying the supermarket, the court said. The company was competing with that of her husband.

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to have said the Harish, some prents of the 1993 Crown Prince wish community day programme of volunteering their services to several regions in Jurdan.

The group, operating under Al Sabla Project, chaired by Sharifa Zein Nasser, includes university work, camps work, maintenance of schools, opening water canals and dredging others as well as recreational functions like mountain climbing, swimming, diving and other activities.

MAJALI MEETS WITH PLO ENVOY: Prime Minister

Abdul Salam Al Majali Saturday meets with Hakam

Bala'wi, Palestine President Yasser Arafat's envoy, who

briefed the Premier on the results of the latest meeting of the

Palestinian leadership in Tunis. Both sides discussed bilater-

al relations, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's

recent visit to the region and the invitations to the next

The Sabila Project, introduced in 1990, encourages university students and other youth to volunteer and interact with the local communities.

Participants in the Sabila activities must be Jordanians between the ages of 17 and 25 willing to carry out voluntary services and raise funds for the Sabila pro-

During their 25-day trip, the participants will hold seminars on Jordan's archaeological sites, the badia region and the role of the Ma an and Tafileh districts during the Great Arab Revolt led by Sbarif Hussein Ibn Ali.

#### Cabinet grants governors new powers, jurisdiction

AMMAN (Petra) --- The Cabinet Saturday granted the governors of the country new powers and the jurisdiction of specialised ministers in accordance with the Article Four of the General Management Law.

Information Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar told the press that this decision was taken as part of the government's plans to decentralise government administrauons. The plan, Dr. Abu Nowar said, aims to activate the role of local governors and the consultancy and executive councils in the governorates to contribute to meeting the needs of citizens and tackling their problems.

It also aims to facilitate the process of carrying out development projects and plans and reduce bureaucracies at local administratiuns, he said.

Dr. Abu Nuwar added that the decision gives the governors a say in preparing their respective govemorates' budgets in cooperation with the ministries of Finance and Planning, particularly in relation to defining the priorities of de-

velopment projects.

In its meeting, the Cabinet decided also to delegate repre-sentatives of the Ministry of Finance and Royal Jordanian (RJ) to negotiate with the government of Sri Lanka on an agreement exempting the national air carriers of the two countries frum



round of Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington. Deputising for His Majesty King Hussein, Dr. Majali also Saturday conferred upon Dr. Maynoun, a member of the Indian parliament and a former minister of science and technology. the Medal of Independence of the First Order, Dr. Maynoun took part in a recent seminar in Amman on the current economic and political developments in India (Petra photo)

### Seminar to take up environmental problems

AMMAN (J.T.) — Discussion of different environmental topics including energy, food, water and waste will be on the programme of a one-day seminar Monday in Amman, organised by the Jordanian Society for the Control of Environmental Pollution I heavy casale. (JSCEP) and the German Friedorder on Film, rich Naumann Foundation.

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Organisers said the programme after rebels no the ISCEP, followed by lectures ix commands; on the state of the environment in furdan, consumers' attitudes towards energy and water saving, food, traffic and waste manage-

Also included will be lectures on population growth and its impact on the environment, agriculture, population growth, food supplies and sources of danger to products, the organisers noted.

Participants will also view a documentary film and hold discussions on the various topics on the agenda. Dr. Sager Salem, JSCEP

secretary, said in a statement earlier Saturday that water and soil resources in Jordan are being order to meet the needs of the growing population.

Jordan is one of the countries that lacks sufficient water sup-

plies; only 160 cubic metres of water are available: for every individual annually, whereas the actual need is 500 cubic metres. Cultivable land accounts for only six per cent of the total area of

Referring to pollutants, Dr. Salem said the growing industrial and tourism sectors, as well as commercial and construction activities, coupled with the growth rate have been increasingly polluting the environment, drinking water and cultivable soil.

On water resources, Dr. Salem explained that over-pumping has Duleil, Azraq and Jordan Valley areas either dry or contaminated.

Noting that pollutants have been leaking into the aquifers via

cess pools, Dr. Salem said the pollution of underground and surface water continues unabated.

Haphazard construction proects and the encroachment of buildings and factories on cultivable land is no less dangerous to the environment than water contamination, Dr. Salem main-

Adding that numerous other environmental problems are currently facing the Kingdom, Dr. Salem said Jordan suffers from the use of pesticides which contaminate agricultural crops as well as what to do with various waste, among other difficulties.

Dr. Salem recommended that the national strategy on the protection of the environment which was announced last year should form a framework for the government's programmes in its drive to safeguard the environment in Jor-

## Unemployment insurance can never be realised, says SSC official

By Elia Nasrallah

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Although included in categories covered by the Social Security Corporation (SSC) Law, unemployment insurance can never be realised, neither at this stage nor in the foreseeable future. according to SSC Director General Mohammad Salch Hourani.

This subject has been long dropped from the SSC agenda since it never acquired the approval of the SSC board of directors, Dr. Hourani told the Jordan Times Saturday. Workers and employers, as

well as the government, are all represented on the SSC board. The former reject the idea of insuring people against unemey as impractical and impracticable, Dr. Hourani said.

Neither workers nor employers are willing to sacrifice any portion of their income to create a fund which would make payments to the growing number of unemployed people in Jordan, he added.

Furthermore, the SSC can in no way implement a comprehensive health scheme for the estimated 320,000 workers covered by the SSC, since such a practice would inevitably cost JD65 million, Dr. Hourani maintained. He said neither the workers

nor the employers are willing to give up an overall sum corresponding to 16 per cent of total salaries paid to the workers for the scheme.

But should they provide JD65 million, the SSC would ployment and view such a poli-

be willing to carry out the project, Dr. Hourani said. According to the SSC offi-cial, introducing unemployment insurance or a national health scheme in Jordan at this stage is almost impossible. Advanced nations, he main-

tained, took at least a hundred years to apply such schemes which, he added, are causing an "economic headache" in these countries. So far some 8,000 firms in

Jordan are covered by the SSC which has already paid a total of JD52,656,163 in pensions to retired workers. Dr. Hourani explained.

In addition, he said, the SSC has paid a total of JDB, 176, 716 in lump sum payments and compensation for occupational injuries.

Dr. Hourani told a meeting of directors of various SSC branches here last Thursday that the SSC was granting them more powers to help decentralise its activities.

He said that branch directors, for example, were now authorised to sign cheques up to JD10,000. He urged the directors to take extra care in collecting

SSC monthly subscriptions. Under the SSC law firms employing five or more persons must pay into the SSC

programme. In addition a Jordanian living here or abroad can be included in the SSC plan provided he or she ensures cononuous payment of subscription premiums.

### Red Cross, Red Crescent youth to attend camp

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A week-long youth camp aimed at strengthening ties between Red Cross and Red Crescent societies in the world will be launched today (Sunday) at Amman's Crown Hotel, according to Raghad Al Khoja, assistant general secretary of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS).

Dr. Al Khoja said the camp, which is organised by JNRCS, will bring together about 100 youth representing Red Cross and Red Crescent sociedes in Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Palesune, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia, Austria, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany,

Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Spain, in addition to The camp will be officially

opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan, and participants will be introduced to the camp staff and briefed on their upcoming schedule. They will also hear a lecture on the birth of the Red Cross/Red Crescent movements by JNRCS President Mohammad Al Hadid.

During the week Dr. Fawwaz Tougan will present a lecture on 'Jordan's Culture and History. Also Tore Svenning, head of delegation in Amman of the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRCRCS) and Michel Ducraux, head of the International Comminee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Jordan will deliver two separate presentations on the objectives and acrivities of their organisations.

On Thursday, Dr. Ahmad Abu Oura, former chairman of standing commission of the IFRCRCS and former president of JNRCS will speak on the International Humanitarian Law

Dr. Al Khoja told the Jordan Times that the campers will see a film on relief operations offered by the JNRCS to evacuees from Kuwait and other Gulf countries during the 1990 crisis. The following day, she said, they will visit the Azraq camp that had been set up for evacuees during the Trips to Je: ash and Petra are

also part of the week's schedule. One day will be devoted to national ceremonies, wherein whatever activities the participants wish to introduce from their countries and representing their nacional socienes will be display-

The group will also visit JNRCS hospitals, the blood bank, laboratories and sewing and embroidery centres located in the society's headquarters.

Organisers hope that the young participants will come away from this experience with a better appreciation of international humanitarian values and the role played by Jordanian youth in this

### Jerusalem Festival said to raise people's emotions

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Around 500 people a day bave attended the Jerusalem Festival in Jabal Amman, opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya Bint Al Hassan, at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation last Sunday and which bas been heralded by its organisers as an overwhelming

Hani Jaber, co-ordinator of the festival organised by Al Wihdat Jub. spoke to the Jordan Times about the goals of the event. "The aim is to promote a glob-

al idea of creativity through displays of art, architecture and other cultural aspects of Palestine and Jordan," be said.

Although the participating artists are from all over the Fertile Crescent, the display is centred on Jerusalem, Mr. Jaber believes that this is a vital aspect.

"Basing the exhibition around Jerusalem has had an emotional effect on people," be commented. "It helps them overcome the Israeli attempts to marginalise them from their homeland." The festival boasts an impress-

ively varied collection of artworks. Although an underlying theme reflecting the borrors of modern war and civil strife is prevalent in almost all of the pieces, save the delightful David Roberts lithographs of Palestine in the ninetcenth century and the occasional print of Jerusalem itself, the artists, chosen by the Writers Association, tackle the issue in a diverse selection of

long-faced Palestinians suffering under the occupation is simplistic but shocking, and contrasts well with Ali Al Mimar's macabre distortion of the Mona Lisa that

The portrait of a group of

Other notable pieces include a profound portrayal of the Palestinian frustration and anger and the poignant work entitled "Return to Jerusalem.' It did, however, appear some-

what paradoxical that in an exhibidon which attempts to express the Individuality of Arab culture, the collection of paintings by one artist was noticeably inspired by Picasso. The large display of dresses

was of particular interest, featuring a collection of some of the finest garments from regions in Jordan and Palestine.

Each evening at 8 o'clock, the small cinema inside the Shoman Foundation building offers a variety of historical films, including a Russian account of the 1905 revolution, a portrayal of life in pre-perestroika, Bulgaria and a chronology of the Palestinian people over the last thousand

During Mr. Jaber's discussion with the Jordan Times, he enthusiastically decribed the songs of liberty and freedom that were to be sung by the popular Lebanese artist Julia Butros. But the concert, which was due to take place at the Roman Amphitheatre, in downtown Amman, bas been cancelled, possibly to be rearranged at a different venue.

The festival is open from 10-6:30 and will run until the end of

#### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### King congratulates India, Korea

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday sent a cable to Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma congratulating him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on his country's independence day. King Hussein wished Mr. Sharma good health and happiness and the Indian people further progress and prosperity. The King sent a similar cable to South Korean President Kim Yong Sam congratulating him on his country's national day,

#### NHF to help Sweimeh

AMMAN (J.T.) — As part of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), quality of Life Programme, NHF staff today will join (Sunday) residents of Sweimeh village by the Dead Sea in a village sprucing up campaign. In line with the programmes' objectives of environmental improvement and benering the living and bealtfh conditions of citizens in rural areas of the Kingdom, the campaign involves painting several homes in the village It is hoped that this join effort will enhance the spirit of voluntarism among the villagers, promote self reliance, and encourage them to utilise their capabilities in improving their conditions, said an NHF statement released Saturday. Several local firms and institutions donated the paints for this acovity, the statement added.

#### Election ads are put on hold

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Informanoo Ma'an Abu Nowar Saturday called on the Jordanian mass media and newspapers to refrain from publishing election advertisements for citizens planning to run as candidates in the upcoming parliamentary elections set for Nov. 8, saving the media can cary ads and commercials for candidates when the official nomination period starts. Dr. Abu Nowar told reporters that Article 60 of the Lower House of Parliament Election Law, No. 22 of 1966, prohibits carrying out any promotion campaign for candidates ahead of the start of the official nomination period, which usually lasts until the day preceeding election

#### Japanese official arrives for talks

AMMAN (Petra) - The director of the first Middle East division at the Japanese Foreign Ministry, Akio Tanaka, arrived in Amman Saturday on a three-day official visit to Jordan. Mr. economic, tourism and technical fields. He will

#### Ministry to build 4 new schools

NORTH SHUNEH (Petra) — The Ministry of Education will build four new primary schools in the northern Jordan Valley region. These will be set up in Sufra, Kreimeh, Wadi Yabis and Shuneh. The ministry said the schools are needed to meet the growing number of students in these

#### Team leaves for U.S. to buy wheat

AMMAN (Petra) - A delegation representing the Ministry of Supply Saturday left for the U.S. at the invitation of the U.S. Wheat Council. Ministry Secretary General Mustafa Khleifat, who is heading the delegation, said the team will tour wheat production and storage facilities and test laboratories during its two-week visit. It will also meet with officials from the wheat council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The delegation is also expected to sign contracts to purchase 200,000 tonnes of American wheat

#### Gharaibeh meets with visiting university official

AMMAN (Petra) — University of Jordan President Fawai Gharaibeh Saturday received the director of planning and development at the United Nations University (UNU) and discussed with him scopes of cooperation between the University of Jordan and the UNU. The two officials also discussed the prospect of the University of Jordan participating in a training project which the UNU intends to implement in the Middle East region, entitled "The Promising Leadership Programme." The visining UNU offi-cial also was received by University Vice President Mohammad Al Maqusi who briefed him on the university's development, academic programmes and its role in serving the society. Dr. Magusi said at the meeting that the university in the future aims to focus more un higher studies and on preparing graduates to compete in the labour markets of the Middle East.

#### JD15,000 in jewellery stolen

AMMAN (J.T.) — According to a report in the local press, JD15,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from the residence of a Jordanian citizen living in Amman. The report in Sawt Al Shaah Saturday said that a 57-year-old man reported to the police that he was away from his house when the jewellery pieces, including gold and diamonds were stolen. The report quoted the police as aying that the investigations into the case were continuing, but the burglar seems to have entered by the kitchen door which was left open. The report identified the man os A. Kh. Y.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- ☆ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Bishara Najjar at Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Centre. The paintings depict Jordanian-Palestinian heritage, Jordanian antiquities,
- ☆ Exhibition of a new collection of art works by Princess Wijdan Ali at The Gallery, Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental.
- ☆ Exhibition entitled "Hashemite Paintings" by Jordanian artist

Arab Jerusalem, rural life and natural scenery.

- Iyad Al Masri at the Royal Cultural Centre. ★ Exhibition of paintings by 25 Jordanian artists at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- Exhibition by Iraqi artists Mohammad Hussein Judi and Shawkat Al Alousi at the Royal Cultural Centre. JERUSALEM FESTIVAL
- ☆ Exhibition of paintings, posters, Palestinian costumes, books and other items on the Holy City of Jerusalem at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Exhibition of books on various subjects at Al Hashimieh Plaza,
- ☆ Lecture, in Arabic, entitled "The Poetry of the Intifada Space and Structure" by Hatem Al Saker at Abdul Hameed homan Foundation at 6.30 p.m.
- Concert by Syrian singer Amai Arafeh at the Roman Amphitheatre, downtown Amman at 5.30 p.m.



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#### Jordan holding 10 for plot against King

(Continued from page 1) and authorioes recently told us that he had been because he is a

dangerous man. Mr. Jidi told the AP his son is a devout Muslim, but denied that he belonged to an Islamic radical

old civil engineer and the group's

a senior party member, were arrested at their homes in Zarqa on May 20. They also have not been charged. But officials have said

King Hussein would reprieve

they were suspected of illegal poliocal activities. If convicted the detainces After the arrests at Mu'ta, the two ILP leaders were captured. Mr. Abu Rushteh, a 50-yearcould face the death sentence but relatives say they expect that

spokesman, and Mr. Khawaldeh. occasions in the past.

> husband in early July and found. him in good spirits. The Jordan Bar Association has written to the prime minister's office and to the interior and justice ministries seeking details on the arrests but it has not

received official replies.

Mr. Abu Rushteh's wife Umm

Yassin said she last visited her:

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#### Fewer laws, freer views

THERE IS a political adage in western democracies that says that the least government is the best government. A corollary of this proposition is the view that deregulation to

the optimum possible is the safest way to full democracy. We in Jordan should make every effort to learn from other democracies and emulate at least the positive features of their political processes. One of the main aims of this exercise is to enshrine, inter alia, pluralism and freedom of the press in our new national psyche.

On pluralism, we may have gone just a bit too far when 20 political parties, most of which are hardly distinguishable from one another, were licensed in the span of a few months. As for the freedom of thought, we seem to stumble every time we make another attempt to bolster our mass media as a cornerstone for our fledgling democracy.

The announcement Friday by the minister of information. Dr. Ma'an Abn Nowar, that he is proposing yet another regulatory regime for the work of Jordanian journalists comes as a fitting example of how our officialdom perceives the attainment of perfection for the press through laws and more laws. In suggesting that the profession requires a code of conduct over and above the proliferating laws and regulations on the same subject, he is raising the question of what the legal status of any such code would be. Will it have the effect of law? And, if so, bow is it going to be implemented? If the intention is to the contrary, the question that remains is bow will it be given effect and by whom. Given the fact that we already have laws on "press and publications" and a law on the "Press Association" that cover practically all the dimensions of the intended code, there appears to be little justification for elaborating on the same subject within the context of a code as such. Besides, we are not aware of one truly democratic country that has a similar code over and above any legislation it might have on the press. In terms of substance, there may be some other problems related to the proposal. In his submission in favour of the draft code, the minister of information drew heavily on the Constitution, on the laws on publications and of the Press Association and on the National Charter. While we do not differ with the proposition that these laws may serve as the basis for codifying new guidelines for journalists and newspapers in the country, we are not so sure that all these four pillars are necessarily compatible with one another. In all honesty, we believe that we have already enough guidelines on freedom of the press. The problem is not the absence of codes or regulations, but the lack of enlightened interpretation of this existing body of

As the American journalist Joseph Pulitzer once put it: "Our country and its press will rise or fall together. An able, disinterested, public spirited press with trained intelligence to know the right and courage to do it can preserve that public virtue without which popular government is a sham and mockery. A cynical, mercenary press will produce in time a people as base as itself. The power to mould the future will be in the hands of the journalists of

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This is the only kind of code of conduct for the press that we may need. To achieve this noble objective, however, more pressing measures need to be introduced to elevate newspapers and the people who man them to a higher level of professionalism. This is where we need to concentrate our energies. Then the objectives of the proposed code of honour would have a better chance of fulfillment.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

COMMENTING ON the invitation issued to the Arab parties to take part in the 11th round of the Middle East peace process, Al Ra'i daily said that nobody knows exactly when the talks will end and when the Israelis are going to succumb to the will of the world community and implement U.N. resolutions. The paper said that there is little chance that the 11th round, the 12th or others to follow will achieve any progress now that almost two years have passed and nn progress bas been achieved towards a settlement. Even the American-Arab talks and the American-Israeli talks, which are meant to bring the views closer together, are taking more time than the peace negotiations themselves, said the paper. Despite consultations, visits by U.S. officials and the lapse of 10 rounds nf talks, nn step has been made towards the implementa-tion of U.N. resolutions nn which these negotiations are based, the paper added. The lack of progress is mainly due to the fact that neither the U.S. administration nnr the Israelis are willing tn move forward and bring about a lasting settlement that would ensure the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Arab lands, said the paper. It added that Arab parties are continually buying themselves with visits by U.S. officials, watching the Palestinians try to patch up differences regarding the peace negotiations or with other matters that can by no means contribute towards a settlement, instead of uniting their stands by word and deed and confront Washington.

THE INVITATION to the Arabs to take part in the 11th round of the Middle East talks coincides with a feverish escalation, on the part of Israel, of building settlements in the occupied Arab territories, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday. The paper said that Israel is intent on Judaising the city of Jerusalem and the Arab lands of Palestine, to impose a de factor situation on the Arabs. There is nothing in Israel's acts and words that indicates the least intention of reaching a lasting peace with the Arab states and with the Palestinians, said the daily. By refusing to implement the U.N. resolutions, by rejecting the Arab demand of exchange of land for peace and by continuing to build settlements for Jewisb immigrants. Israel is stelling the world community that it disregards its resolutions, said the paper. It is impossible for anyone, even the optimists. tn see any light at the end of the dark tunnels in view of Israel's intransigent stand and its refusal to comply with U.N. resolutions, added the daily. The paper said that progress at the Arab-Israeli negotiations depends on the U.S. administra .n because it is the sponsnr nf the talks and it has pledged to achieve peace and security based nn U.N. resolutions.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

## Foreign investment fails to take off

After 40 years and a chain of laws to encourage investments in the country, mainly through costly exemptions of taxes, Arab and foreign investments failed to gain momentum. The exemptions cost the treasury tens of millions of dinar with nothing in return. The law was not the major motivation behind any investment decision, as a potential investor may lonk into the taxation aspect, but his main worry is the financial feasibility of the project and whether or not it will make profits at all.

I have reason to believe that most projects which benefited from the law of encouraging investment and enjoyed the excessive exemptions from taxes nn profits were to take place any way, even if there were no law tn encourage investments and exempt them from paying income tax

and other levies and fees for a long period.

My evidence to this assertion is that Arab capital contribution to capital formation in Jordan was between seven and nine per cent only. Foreign capital contributed no more than one per cent of the capital formation in the country. Most, if not all, of the Arab and foreign investments were in activities that did not benefit from the law and its generous exemptions.

If the above claim is valid, the tax exemptions should be reduced gradually until the present law of encouraging investments is abolished altogether without, of course, jeopardising the exemptions already granted to investors under the current law, the purpose being the mainte-nance of public confidence and the avoidance of surprises which may disturb the investment cli-

The mere fact that a country grants lavish exemptions to investors is counterproductive, because it suggests that either the regular taxes are excessive or the potential investments in certain sectors are not feasible and cannot generate sufficient profits.
. In the past, officials of the Ministry of Industry nbserved that the law encouraging investment was not effective and practically failed to attract any meaningful Arab nr foreign investment, but their response was to amend the law, increase exemptions and extend their duratinn. It is high time to make the opposite and admit that the law is not, and could not, be effective and achieve its objectives and therefore should be abandoned as an approach to encourage investments. In this manner we shall cut down the losses of the treasury, and leave investments to be carried out

Going too far in granting tax exemptions to newly approved projects tends to push the treasury too far in overtaxing regular projects in nrder to make up for the unnecessary loss. The cancellatinn of all exemptions, not retroactively though, will allow the treasury to be gentler in the imposition of income taxes on companies. The tax burden will thus be spread over a wider

on the bases of their economic ment rather than

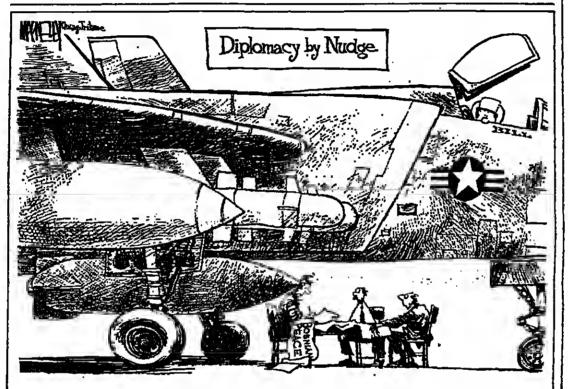
distorting investment decisions by introducing

discriminating exemptions, granted on selective

Under the current law you can find two identical factories of, say, furniture competing in the same market, with one required to pay 40 per cent of its profits as income tax, while the lucky other is not required to contribute a penny.

It is worth mentioning in this context that the present value of total Arab investments abroad was estimated at \$670 billion, of which only \$26 billion, or four per cent, were invested within the Arab World.

Jordan's share of Arab investments is less than one per cent of Arab investments within the Arab World, or 0.04 per cent of all Arab capital invested abroad. We have got nothing to lose.



## Arms flow to Mideast tops \$50 billion in 3 years

By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press

AFTER THE Gulf war, they "took the pledge." But the big powers, arms purveyors to the world, still can't seem in stop pouring bigh-priced weapons into the explosive Middle East.

In a widening stream that keeps assembly lines rolling from Omsk to Oklahnma, weapons exporters bave shipped or agreed to ship more than \$50 billion in beavy armaments to the reginn in the three years since Iraq invaded Kuwait, new calculations show.

The U.N. Conventional Arms Register, whose 1992 listings will soon be made public, confirms that the United States and four other key producing nations delivered at least 85 warplanes and 521 tanks and other armnured vehicles to Mideast customers last

Pending deals far outweigh those. The expected \$28 billion to \$30 billion in U.S. foreign military sales for this fiscal year is the biggest annual total ever, and most is ticketed for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Israel and other Mideast

Two years ago, it lonked like the regional weapons bazaar might be folding some of its tents. After the war with Iraq, whose military muscle grew on huge weapons purchases in the 1980s, then-President Bush told Congress: "It would be tragic if the nations of the Middle East and Gulf were now, in the wake of

Negotiations began among the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France - to scale back milit-

war, to embark on a new arms

By late 1991, the five, the world's biggest weapons exporters, had pledged to avoid "destabilising" Mideast arms deals a vague commitment to restraint in addition to the flat U.N. ban on weapons sales to Iraq.

But by late 1992 the talks bad broken down. The flow of armour and air power did not.

In a new estimate, the Arms Control Association, a private Washington think tank, calculates U.S. military export agreements for the Mideast since August 1990 have totalled \$38.8 billion. As for other suppliers, congressional research service estimates indicate non-U.S. military sales in the Mideast approached \$20 billion for 1990-92.

Said the Arms Control Association's Lee Feinstein: "These serve 7,000 of its aerospace jobs numbers are a legacy of the Gulf in St. Louis and Tulsa, Okia war and the inability of the big suppliers in the past to come in little enthusiasm for negotiating grips with the problem of an cutbacks in their Mideast arms unconstrained flow of arms to the sales, already stunted by tough

Some current deals; - Saudi Arabia is buying 72 U.S.-built F-15 warplanes, mostly advanced fighter-bomber models. for \$8.2 billion, and 48 British Tomado bombers for \$7.5 bil-

- The United Arab Emirates signed off on a \$3.5 billion deal for 390 Leclerc tanks from

- Iran nrdered 500 of Russia's Workhorse T-72 tanks, reports the authoritative Stockhulm Inthe authoritative Stockhulm International Peace Research Insti-

two kilo-class patrnl submarines, making Iran the first Gulf natinn with undersea power.

The arms race is many-sided. Fear of Iran is cited for a Saudi buildup, Saudi purchases are national security argument," Mr. used to justify Israeli arms deals, Hamilton said. "But the cumula-Syria scrambles to keep up with tive impact is that the arms keep Israel, and so on.

Some in the region are wor-

"The Middle East is a powder into it will add to the horror," Kamel Abu Jaber, who has just stepped down as Jordan's foreign minister, told an interviewer.

for dnllar-ponr Russia. And policy McDonnell-Douglas Corp. said issue."

The British and French show

American competition. Even Britain's opposition Labour Party accepts the jobs-producing Mideast deals. "We'd like to see the five-power talks. continue, but we also wish to see that the British armaments industry is able to compete on a level playing field," said Josh Arnold Furster, a Labour defence analyst.

In Washington, the Chinton administration is expected to issue a comprebensive arms con-

of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he would sup-E. Russia also sold the Iranians port any Chinton proposal for a kilo-class patral submarines, limits nn Middle East sales.

"In every sale you can come forward with a good reason for it: ynu need the business, the jobs. And the bnyer can make a strong pouring out, and the next wars, wherever, will be of higher lethal-

Clinton administration support keg, and to put more weapons for Mideast restraint seems incertain, bowever.

In last year's presidential campaign. Mr. Clinton did endorse the idea of reining in arms sales For the supplier nations, the via negotiations. But be also motive, increasingly, is pure eco-nomics. backed the big F-15 sale. Said one knowledgeable-State

Tanks exported from the Omsk Department source, speaking on arsenal, for example, bring in condition he not be named: "I desperately needed hard currency wouldn't be surprised if the new policy skirts the whole Mideast

#### LETTERS

### The Israeli port where U.S. dollars sink

To the Editor:

As a member of the Council for the National Interest (CNI), you share, I know, my frustration and anger each time the Israeli government makes unreasonable demands on America. This is

I am writing to give you some disturbing and little-known facts about the newest scheme devised by the Israeli government to extort even more money from U.S. taxpayers.

This scheme will possibly destroy thousands of American jobs, jeopardise the economic health of the U.S. shipbuilding industry, undermine U.S.-Arab relations and, worst of all, endanger the

lives of U.S. servicemen and their families.

In fact, the price tag is so exorbitant that the package is being presented to Congress in increments to conceal the cost of the entire project. Here is exactly what is happening.

As a desperate move to pump up Israel's sagging socialist economy, the Rabin government devised a massive public works programme to pour countless millions of U.S. dollars into Israel each year (\$57 million the first year).

This shameless boundoggle calls for the expansion and improvement of the existing naval port at Haifa with the ultimate objective of "home-porting" the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

It would require enormous expenditures of U.S. money to pay for the construction of schools, housing, hospitals and other facilities for the use of U.S. military personnel and their families. I don't bave to tell you that home-porting at Haifa has nothing to do with what is best for America's interests in the Middle East. But it has everything to do with what is best for Israel.

Of course the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the Israeli government's official U.S. lobby, has sprung into action to sell this scheme to Congress. As part of AIPAC's public relations strategy to gain support for home-porting, the Israeli government plans to present the project as a magnanimous gesture of goodwill towards the United States.

According to the AIPAC script, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will tell Americans how he is willing to bave his country endure considerable inconvenience while the harbour is being upgraded. Mr. Rabin will claim that he is letting us build his new barbour to advance the national security interests of the United States. But nothing could be further from the truth. As I mentioned earlier, from Israel's standpoint, home-porting at Haifa is nothing. more than a transparent scheme designed to pump up the Israel

And that is not the worst of it. Israel also wants U.S. military forces to be highly visible on its shores. This is nothing less than a vengeful ploy which could cause a deep rift in U.S.-Arab

The Arab states would view home-porting at Haifa as further evidence of an intimate military alliance between the U.S. and their antagonist Israel aimed at them and which would be dangerous to their security!

In any armed conflict in the Middle East, Israel would likely to be a prime target. Our military personnel would be extremely

vulnerable in the event of a war.

In fact, bome-porting at Haifa is tantamount to signing the death certificates for our soldiers and their families assigned to the base should war break out.

I should also point out that high ranking U.S. naval officials admit the selection of Haifa does not respond to military realities and requirements. It's just a bad idea.

If you are as disturbed as I am about the consequences of home-porting at Haifa, I urge you to join with CNI to expose this travesty for what it really is — a drain on the U.S. taxpayer. As you can see, the implications of this project are staggering not only in terms of cost and lost American jobs but also in the potential danger to American servicemen. This brings me to the

These are difficult times for Americans. We are watching our taxes go up while social security and other entitlements are

Adding insult to injury, we are also seeing massive U.S. military cutbacks. Even major U.S. naval bases in Charleston, S.C. and San Diego, California have been threatened. When Americans are losing jobs because of military cutbacks, this is no time to let the Israeli government get away with another

free ride on American taxpayers.

Paul Findley, Chairman CNI,

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## The world reels in the backwash of the cold war

PARIS - With the end of the cold war, the world passed from a Copernican to a post-Newtonian political universe. Before, the United States and the Soviet Union provided the fixed political points about which other nations revolved. Since their gravitational force has waned or been withdrawn, the international system's order has been lost, sending individual nations and parties tumbling into unforeseen and unpre-dictable orbits.

So long as the United States and the Soviet Union dominated the scene, other states and even their political party systems func-tioned within the fields of force radiating from Museow and Washington. Now theirs is a situation of disorientation, erratic in its elements and frequently

First to go was what had been the quasi-imperial system in Eastern Europe, latterly and disastrously extended to Afghanis-

Next to go were the minnr clients on both sides of the ideological line, whn were simpy, or not so simply, abandoned: Cubans, Sandinistas, the PLO, but also contras, UNITA fighters in Angola, the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan. They had served their purpose and now were on

their own.

The result of that today is Cuba's economic ruin; the drift of abandoned soldiers on both sides of the Nicaraguan war into banditism; ideological justification been an ugly power struggle in Angola; Mujahedeen sales of Stinger missiles un the internatinnal black market; radicalised

and Newark, New Jersey. ments forged by the cold war are made themselves America's poli-

imploding. tical of the political force that ruled such. Japan from the signing of the Japanese-U.S. security treaty in 1951 until last week was the

gures and the American govern- ern allies; the Italians themselves ment. It now has been replaced. When the Korean war broke

out, Washington feared that the pacifist constitution that General Douglas MacArthur had imposed upon Japan might send the country towards a neutralist renunciation of international power, benefiting the Soviet Union and communist China. Japan's 1974 elections had favoured the Social Democratic Party, which also enjoyed the sympathy of the generally liberal-minded occupation anthorities in the war's immediate aftermath, concerned about a revival of Japanese militarism.

auxiliaries of both. Postwar Italy submitted to what its NATO allies expected of it. The CIA intervened in the 1948 elections, establishing enduring alliances with party and labour groups. The Communist Party was, and remained, financed and controlled by Moscow. The Italians lived a form of internalised repression of their recognition of the external forces acting upon them, against which they felt themselves powerless. The immobilisation of political life during the cold war was thus not only endured but willed, if resentfully.

"What happens now? It is logical to think that the major industrial states — all of them, except for Japan, still North American or West European — will be the suns and nearby stars as new orbits of power and ambition are eventually established. They will continue to control the material resources of power. It is entirely possible — indeed it has begun to happen — that violence will decide the process by which the new system emerges.

By 1949, with the cold war in Europe at full blast, and China in stripped from what had always the hands of the communists, the Social Democrats had lost their position, and by 1951 the government was firmly in conservative hands, where it has since re-Muslims in Beirut, Cairo, Rabat mained. The conservative parties that later merged as the Liberal And now the western govern- Democratic Party deliberately tical client, and were seen to be

The postwar system is being destroyed in Italy — another implosion. After Mussolini's fall collaborative creation of con- in 1943, Italy became a battlegservative Japanese political fi- round for Germans and the west-

the 1970s was part of the cost Italy had to pay. So was the corruption of political society. What began in a pliant accommodation to political fortune ended not only in terror but in crime, the three eventually combining so that proclaimed revolutionaries collaborated in civil crime, and criminal organisations committed political crimes — of which the bombings in Florence, Milan and Rome in recent days are the latest desperate man-

The explosion of terrorism in

The European Community bas been deeply disoriented by the

that the United States failed to tell the Europeans what to do. Even now, more than a year after that crisis began, the West Europeans - who include the third. fourth and fifth most powerful industrial and military powers on earth - are still incapable of an effective common policy on the Bosnian endgame, or one to deal with the conflicts plainly threatened on Serbia's other borders, and in Kosovo, and those which may develop from ethnie and nationalist conflict elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

end of the cold war. Its immobil-

ity before the crisis in Yngoslavia

is directly attributable to the fact

The collapse of the geopolitical structure is further complicated by the Clinton administration's considered decision to reduce America's world engagement. trations' effort to get nther countries to finance American foreign and military policies in the Gulf and in Central America already had amounted to an abdication of America's leadership role.

What happens now? It is Ingical to think that the major industrial states - all of them, except for Japan, still North American or West European - will be the suns and nearby stars as new orbits of power and ambition are eventually established. They will continue to control the material resources of power. It is entirely possible - indeed it has begun to happen - that violence will decide the process by which the new system emerges.

But material power is not everything. The will to power counts, and the willingness to sacrifice. There is Islamic fundamentalist power today, Serbian power. There may come to be a reconstituted Russian power.

One should make no mistake about the difficulties to come. When international systems break down, a time of troubles follows. We have only entered ours -- International Herald Tri-



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The Associated Press NEW YORK - After poring Over statistics on Playboy playmates and scrutinising the spouses of identical twins, psychologists are offering two new ideas about bow people choose their mates.

By Malcolm Ritter

As a first impression, one new study says, men are attracted by the lower half of a woman's hourglass figure.

And when it comes down to the final choice, the second study says, the selection process is surprisingly random. The research is the latest in a

longstanding effort to figure out how men and women choose each other for marriage. Prior studies have found some general trends. People tend to

marry others who are at similar to themselves in such areas as intelligence, potitical values, religion, age and ethnnicity, for ex-If such findings seem to stacken the sweet mystery of it all, keep in mind that prominent mating

researcher David Buss of the

University of Michigan says no

theory can predict just who a given individual will marry. For men, anyway, one important first enticement may be women whose waistlines are small when compared to their hips, Devendra Singh of the University of Texas at Austin suggests in the August issue of the

Psychology. That may not surprise many laymen, but Mr. Buss called the findings important because the idea had not been demonstrated

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Mr. Singh said the attractiveness of a low ratio of waist to hip measurements probably began as a way for early bumans to assess a woman's fitness to produce and rear children. Research has linked low ratios to good bealth and reproductive capability, he said.

And even in a culture whose icons of female beauty have ranged from the voluptuous to twiggy, the attractivenes of a low waist-to-hip ratio bas endured, Mr. Singh says.

He found that although women in Playboy centrefolds and Miss America winners have become thinner through the decades, their waist-to-hip ratios have barely budged. And his surveys of men and women show that lower waist-to-hip ratios in women are more attractive than

higher ones. In the other maong study, in the July issue of the same journal, David Lykken and Auke Tellegen of the University of Minnesota propose that although mateseeking people choose from a field broadly similar to themselves, the final choice is surprisingly random.

That might surprise people who can think of good reasons they chose their mates. But Mr. Lykken sees that as rationalising. 'One thing about human na-

ture is that yon can't tolerate a feeling that doesn't seem to have any legitimate cause," he said. "You invent a cause for it. If the feeling is one of desperate infatuation with Sue, then the reasons why any right-minded young man should be desperately infatuated with Sue flood to the mind. I think the infatuation comes first, and the reasons come

Mr. Lykken and Mr. Tellegen surveyed middle-aged identical twins and their spouses, and they proposed the randomness idea after finding no evidence that people use any set of criteria to

## How do people choose their mates?

choose a mate If they did, the researchers reasoned, identical twins who grew up together, having identicgenes and very similar childhoods, should share nearly the same criteria and so choose high-

But they found that spouses of twin pairs in their study were not especially alike. They also found that twins did not consistently approve of their sibling's choice mate, contrary to what one might expect if the two rwins were using similar selection criteria.

similar spouses.

The spouses also failed to report any consistent attraction toward their spouse's identical

Mr. Buss, however, said he believes the twin work fails to provide very strong evidence for the conclusion that so much of mating is random. It overlooks some research on influences over mate choice and does not test adequately theories about how people pair off, he said. He also said it has some methodological shortcomings.

Mr. Lykken defended the work, but said other scientists should try their own experiments to see if they support or refute the

Mr. Lykken said his own rule 'you should never believe a new result, especially if it's interesting, until it has been replicated - preferably from somebody who doesn't believe it."

How the researchers arrived at their findings:

Devendra Singh of the University of Texas at Austin examined body measurements for women in Playboy centrefolds for 1955 to 1965 and 1976 to 1990 the vital states were not published during the intervening years and found that even though the women became more siender, their waist-to-hip rano changed only slightly, from 68 to .71,

Similarly, although Miss America winners also became more slender from 1923 to 1987, their waist-to-hip ratio was little changed, dipping from .72 to .69,

He also asked 116 white men, ages 18 to 22, to study line drawings of 12 women who were either overweight, underweight or of normal weight and who had waist-to-hip ratios of .7, .8, .9 or 1. in all three weight categories, figures with lower ratios were rated as more attractive than those with bigher ones.

Similar results appeared in a study with 89 older white men, ages 25 to 85, another study with white women from ages 18 to 78. and still another with young blacks of both genders, Mr. Singh said. All those studies involved Americans, and If a low ratio is truly a basic human enticement it should also appear alluring in future studies with other cultures,

he said. David Lykken and Auke Tellegen of the University of Minnesota found that when the spouses of 152 pairs of identical twins were compared on 74 mostly psychological traits, they were not much more alike than random pairs of same-sex partici-

pants in the study. In another survey, 288 identical twins were asked what they had initially thought of their siblings' choice of mate. Although 39 per cent of identical twins said they could have fallen for their sibling's spouse or that they "really liked" him or ber, 38 per cent said they would not have chosen that spouse or would bave rather stayed single that marry that per-

## Sex, lies, drugs and shame — the unraveling of a

major gang prosecution

By Sharon Cohen The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Two former benchmen in the city's most notorious gang are seen snorting heroin. Both are prison inmates at the time - and government wit-

Another ex-gang leader testi-fies he bad sex with his wife about five times while in federal custody and in government offices.

These startling disclosures of sex and drugs involving the El Rukns street gang have turned one of the most successful criminal prosecutions ever in Chicago into one of the biggest embarrassments - and biggest potential scandals - for the federal government.

A six-year probe of the drugdealing gang that led to 53 convictions or guilty pleas is unraveling. Two federal judges in June ordered new trials for six El Rukns or associates, saying the U.S. attorney's office and others concealed evidence that gang members took drugs, had sex and were given special favours while government witnesses. A third judge is hearing similar charges and more convictions are likely to be challenged.

"They were on a mission to elean up the El Rukns. Anything justified the ends," defence Lawyer Ricbard Kling said of the government. "It was 'we're the good guys, they're the bad guys, we can do whatever we need to do in order to get them'."

"They also argued they put them behind bars and stopped their criminality. But they didn't, did they?" asked Peter Schmiedel, another lawyer whose client won retrial. "It's one thing to admit to a life of crime on the street, it's another thing to admit crimes... while in custody and the government allowing it to occur.' Mr. Schmiedel argues the ac-

cused were denied a fair trial because defence attorneys didn't know - and couldn't tell jurors - about witnesses' illicit behaviour. "This evidence... not only

tainted witnesses, it tainted the whole government strategy, it tainted the whole case," Mr. tainted Schmiedel said. The U.S. attorney's office has not said whether it will appeal or seek new trials. But in court

papers filed in late July, prosecubers were having sex and taking drugs are "terminally inconsistent and inherently implausible."

The charges, however, are

Department's office of professional responsibility. The case is now being handled by John Smietanka, U.S. attorney in vestern Michigan.

Both judges said in written rulings that they didn't believe William Hogan, the top El Rnkn prosecutor, was unaware of drug

But Mr. Hogan's attorney, Shelly Kulwin, insists his client did nothing wrong and contends the government has failed to introduce evidence that would vindicate him.

"He worked 18-hour days for years, doing the right thing," Ms. Kulwin said. "Could he cover every little thing that bappened? Was be there every minute of the day?... No. Was there a possibility on one occasion that an agent' screwed up, a secretary screwed up, something occurred? Yes.

Did it involve drugs or sex? No." The El Rukn convictions were touted as the final chapter in the 25-year history of a nefarious gang that amassed a multimillion dollar empire of murder, muscle and drugs.

Using racketeering laws and gang members turned informants, prosecutors decimated the organisation, only to face troubling questions about their

Among the findings of U.S. district judges James Holderman and Suzanne Conlon, both of whom are ex-federal prosecutors:

- Two key El Rukns, Henry Leon Harris and Harry Evans, used drugs while imprisoned as government witnesses, Both tested positive for morphine in 1989 and were not given additionurinalysis tests.

- El Rukn witnesses had contact visits with girlfriends, wives and others. Some testified in post-trial hearings they had sex in government offices while guarded by agents of the alcohol, tobacco and firearms office or Chicago police.

- El Rukn cooperating witnesses bad free access to the U.S. attorney's office's phones and free call forwarding services while - The government provided

gang witnesses clothing, gifts, a camera and headset radios, some at government expense. One El Rukn witness told the FB1 that agents guarding him occasionally left him beer in government - A paralegal for the prosecu-

versations with an El Rukn witness and smuggled in laxatives that may have been used after informants allegedly swallowed being investigated by the Justice drug-filled condoms or balloons.

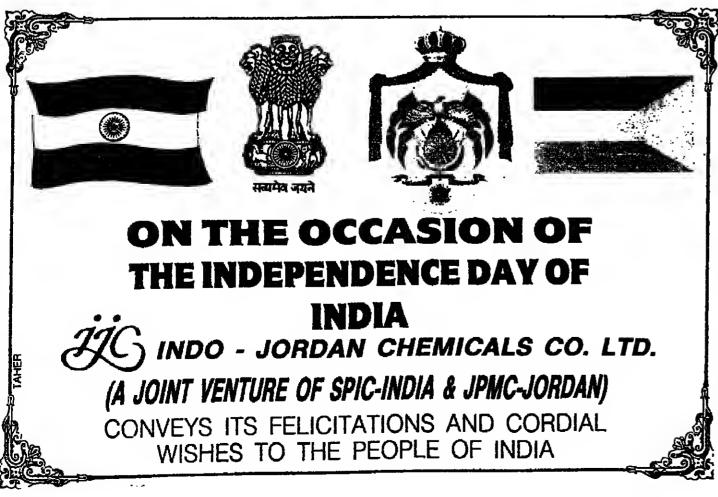


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## Science fantasy

By Maxine F. Singer

SUDDENLY THIS summer, the arcane subject of molecular genetics is high fashion. Steven Spielberg and Jurassic Park succeeded a\* what generations of scientists failed to do: get people excited about biology. Lots of children, and even their science-averse pa-rents, are talking about the two D's: DNA and dinosaurs. And everyone is asking: Can it be done? Can you really make a triceratops or a tyrannosaur or a velociraptor if you try? The answer is no. Not now. Maybe

never.
Jurassic Park's "experiment" has three parts. None of them is now feasible. The first problem is to acquire dinosaur DNA, of many different species, and determine, for each, the order of its billions of DNA building blocks - that is, the dinosaurs' genomes. Each block is one of four kinds of molecules we can call A, G,T and C. It is the order of A, G, T and C in the DNA provided to a fertilised egg by its parents that encodes genes and other information needed to grow a human being.

It's safe to assume that 200 million years ago, in the Jurassic

period, dinosaur eggs were simi-larly instructed. But no one knows the order of more than a

tiny proportion of the A, G, T and C in any living organism.

Jurassic Park's scientists get their DNA from dinosaur blood. The blood itself is presumed to exist in a Jurassic mosquito. which, sated by its blood meal, rested on a tree trunk where it was trapped in sap. The sap then hardened into amber over the millennia

In fact, small fragments of insect DNA have been recovered from amber. With some good guess-work, the order of A, G, T and C in a 300-block-long stretch has been determined. But there is no reason to believe that the fragments representing the entire insect genome, much less a dinosaur's genome, can be recovered. Nor is there reason to believe that the order of the billions of blocks could be reconstructed from the small fragments of DNA that persist even under the ideal preservation conditions in amber.

Out in the open, water and oxygen would have destroyed the DNA long ago. In a clever device to make the whole "experiment" seem real, Jurassic Park aeknowledges that the dinosaur DNA the DNA were filled by guess-work as to what they should be or by using DNA from a contemporary living amphibian, like a frog. And this, of course, is the fatal flaw. Jurassic Park's dinosaurs are designed to be female to avoid natural breeding. But amphibians can change sex, and the amphibian DNA segments

gave the dinosaurs that ability. The second impossible task is to go from the entire genome, all the DNA, to a living animal. In Jurassic Park, the DNA of an unfertilised egg is removed, the reconstructed "dinosaur" DNA is placed in the egg, and after a suitable period under conditions imagined to be hospitable, a cute baby dinosaur emerges.

This too makes a great story, but don't be fooled. Biologists have no idea how to accomplish such feats.

And it is unlikely that such an experiment would succeed. For one thing subtle and poorly understood changes in adult DNA (like that from blood) compared to DNA in eggs and sperm probably make adult DNA incapable of properly initiating the complicated developmental process. For another, in those spe-

will be incomplete. The gaps in Gies we know about, like flies, the eggs contain molecules other than DNA, manufactured by the mother's cells. Without these maternal components, the egg can't develop properly, if at all.

The third problem occurs to the story's visiting paleontologists immediately after their spectacular arrival at the park. All living things, humans included, interact with their natural environment.

Maybe sometime in the future we'll learn how to revive extinct animals. And maybe we'll be rich . enough to try such fanciful ex-. periments. For now, though, academic scientists and those working in biotechnology are in-terested in spending what resources are available on using genetics to ameliorate human disease, to understand evolution and to modify plants and animals so we can better feed a hungry

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#### unveils U.N. bid plan Taiwan

TAIPEI - Getting the United Nations to set up an ad hoc committee to look into the ROC's bid to reenter the international organisation is Taiwan's first step towards full U.N. membership, Foreign Minister Predrick Chien said on Aug. 9, 1993.

It was the first time the ministry disclosed ROC's U.N. bid since the issue became the focus of the country's foreign policy last

The ROC bas adopted this approach because it was more "open-minded" than other approaches such as a direct application for membership or for observer sta-

tus at the U.N., Chien said. Another reason for the approach was the new attitude prevailing in the ROC which has seen the nation stop viewing Peking as a rebellious group by ending the period of national mobilisation for the suppression of the Communist Rebellion in 1991.

Chien addressed his speech after seven Central American countries cosigned a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali. The letter asked the U.N. General Assembly to include an item, titled "Review of the exceptional situation of the ROC on Taiwan in the international context with the established pattern of parallel representation by divided countries in the United Nations," in the agenda of the assembly's session in September. They also requested that a U.N. ad hoc

committee be set up to

ROC's situation before presenting its recommendations to be discussed at the assembly's regular session next year. According to an enclosed

explanatory memorandum

to the letter, the countries

also argued that the formula

study and analyse the

of adopting a resolution in 1971 regarding the representation of China as obviously overly simplis-The resolution also produced adverse consequ-

ences for the ROC on Taiwan, the memorandum U.N. Resolutioo 2758 in 1971 bad determined that

China's seat would be occupied by PRC, and that the PRC was the only represectative of China.

However, despite being replaced by PRC, the ROC continued existing as an independent political entity and was not annexed by the PRC, the letter said.

According to a local newspaper, several African countries would follow the path set by Central American countries and speak up for the ROC at the U.N General Assembly this

Chien reminded the public that the proposal was only the beginning of a long and difficult struggle. The ministry did not expect the proposal to be passed this year due to opposition from the PRC, he said. "However, foreseeing failure on the first try does not stop us from taking the first step," Chien said.







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## Clinton promises all-out fight for NAFTA

dent Bill Clinton is pledging an all-out campaign on behalf of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) now he has found common ground with Mexico and Canada over worker

rights and the environment. On Friday, the trade ministers from the United States, Mexico and Canada sealed crucial side deals to the NAFTA, claiming a path-breaking commitment to link free trade with labour right

and environmental sensitivity. Analysts said it was the first time the two issues bave been so thoroughly addressed in a trade accord. But thorough or not Mr. Clinton faces an uphill battle winning over Congress in a fight the president can ill afford to

interests of the United States." Mr. Clinton said. "Today I pledge my strongest commitment to a major effort this fall to secure NAFTA's passage.'

Born under administration of then president George Bush and gingerly endorsed by candidate Clinton, the NAFTA would link some 360 million consumers in the world's higgest free-trade

The new side deals — which were months in the making stiffen the NAFTA by opening the way to punishments if member nations fail to enforce labour and environmental standards.

But before trade barriers come tumbling down, the deal must be approved by a majority of both

means a given with early reaction decidedly mixed.

"Putting side agreements on NAFTA is like putting earrings on a hog. It's a bad trade agreement and side agreements will dress it up a little, but won't change it," said Democratic Senator Byron Dorgan.

In a major blow to the administration. House of Representatives majority leader Richard Gephardt -- whose voice can swing other Democrats firmly into line - said he could not support the agreement as it stands.

"I am not optimistic that these deficiencies can be successfully resolved," Mr. Gephardt said. Unions too said they had been

bouses of Congress - by no sold out, with their objections outpacing the complaints of environmentalists, who appeared at first draft to have won stronger

> Hoping to appease labour cri-- who fear husiness will be lured by cheap labour south of the border — Mexico said its minimum wage would rise as economic productivity picks up. 'We'll be assuring an effective

and permanent improvement in minimum wages, now and in the future," Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said in Mexico City.

Under the side deals, Mexico and the United States could face sanctions for persistent wrongdoing, but Canada would just face punishment hy its own

feared U.S. industry would use sanctions to wield protectionist threats, applauded the deal.

"It has not been easy hut we have prevailed." Trade Minister Thomas Hockin said in Ottawa. 'Under these agreements, Canada will never be subject to trade

Mexico's Trade Minister Jaime Serra Puche — whose government has staked its future on economic reform — insisted in Mexico City that his nation was the real winner.

The result is very favourable for Mexico, hecause it will allow us to improve the living standard of our workers... and enjoy a better environment in the future," said Mr. Serra Puche:

#### "My government has prepared a detailed economic programme which fulfills present day requirements," Mr. Qureshi, a former vice-president of the World Bank, said in a speech marking Pakistan's independence day.

Saturday.

Promising to unveil the reforms within days, Mr. Qureshi said political instability and 11 years of war in neighbouring Afghanistan had damaged Pakistan's economy. The war forced Pakistan to shoulder the burden of 3.5 million Afghan refugees and cope with an influx of illegal arms and

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's drugs, he said.

government will announce an economic reform package soon to Soon after taking office, Mr. Qureshi devalued the Pakistani rupee hy 6.02 per cent to boost out the country back on the rails flagging exports - a move sevof development, caretaker Prime erely criticised by most political Minister Moeen Quresbi said parties.

Pakistan premier to announce

Economic analysts believe Mr. Qureshi will announce major economic changes, including a tax on agricultural income. No previous government has been able to impose such a levy because of the vested interests of powerful feudal landlords in parliament and the provincial

The Nation, an independent English-language daily, said on Friday Mr. Quresbi would cut import daties across the board, impose new taxes in the energy

economic reform within days It said the programme was finalised by Mr. Qureshi during a recent visit to Washington, where he saw senior officials at the World Bank and International

Monetary Fund (IMF). Pakistan is currently negotiating with the IMF on details and conditions of a soft loan aid package worth about \$1 billion. The loan was offered on the hasis of continued structural reforms and

tighter fiscal controls. The World Bank agreed earlier this year to lend Pakistan \$250 million in halance of payments

Mr. Qureshi said his government was ready to take tough decisions to help the economy, hut would spend maximum resources on human development.

### China unveils sweeping property restrictions

PEKING (R) - China ar nounced strict measures Friday to halt chaotic and damaging property speculation, including

an outright han on popular but frivolous projects like gold courses and horse-racing tracks. The official Xinhua news agency said the State Council, China's cahinet, decreed seven administrative measures as part of economic supremo Zhu Rongii's scheme to bring property specula-

tors to heel. Mr. Zhu, a powerful vice pre-mier who doubles as central bank governor, has named property and securities speculation as key targets in his efforts to cool China's overheating economy, re-cently expanding at a rate of abont 14 per cent a year, and snuff out urban inflation running

at more than 20 per cent. Property development has become a national — and highly profitable — obsession in China, soaking up billions of dollars in ouestionable state loans which officials now say should have gone to industry, housing and agrizulture.

Mr. Zhu said last month that all such "improper" loans must be returned by Aug. 15 and vowed to punish severely bankers. and local officials who failed to comply with his decree.

Xinhua issued a frosty reminder that China was still a socialist state, despite a giddy decade of capitalist experiments, saying flatly: "In Chinz, all land is owned by the government."

and land administration units it said. Projects that cannot be and impose strict limits on the solutely."

New Zealand posts record

amount of land that can be leased for property development,

Xinhua said.
"Localities should strictly control the amount of land used for real estate purposes and ensure that the use of land conforms with the requirements of city planning, a development schedule, basic facilities and legal procedures," it

The decrees said property investment must have the primary goal of promoting key industry and infrastructure projects and the construction of housing for urhan Chinese. They placed sharp curbs on just about every-

thing else.
"For huildings with limited market potential, such as villas, holiday villages, luxury apartments, hotels and office buildings, the country will place strict limits on this area and halt the construction of some huildings already in progress," Xinbua

Frivolous luxury projects were banned altogether. "There will be no approval of, no license, noland and no loan for such expensive projects as horse race tracks and golf courses," the State Council said. "The government will sternly punish those who engage in speculative activities with the aim of making quick money rather than a long-term investment."

Local governments must convert "improper" property pro-jects into workshops, standard apartments and buildings for The new measures bar banks commercial and service purposes, from running property companies converted "should be halted re

#### U.S. says oil tax will not

Gulf exports DUBAI (R) - President Bill Clinton's energy tax, passed hy the Senate earlier this month, is unlikely to affect U.S. oil imports from Gulf states, U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary was re-

harm Arab

ported as saying Saturday.

Ms. O'Leary told the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Ittihad the 4.3 cents-per-gallon tax hike, sharply criticised by Gulf oil producers, would benefit both consumers and producers by encouraging conservation of natural

fuel resources, Ms. O'Leary said it was "unlikely the tax... would affect the size of U.S. imports of Gulf crude oil or petrol products," the news-

paper reported. She said the United States, which last year imported around 1.8 million barrels of oil per day from the Gulf, had heen in touch with oil ministers in the region, and would hold discussions with the ministers over the next two

Gulf Arah oil producers have criticised the U.S. tax and proposals for a tougher European energy tax as unfair.

They say although the taxes are described as environmental measures, they will cut demand for Gnlf oil exports in favour of greater pollutant fuels such coal.

### Yen's upsurge upsets tourists in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese ex- bim 58.50 yen last Saturday when the seemingly endless rise in the yen's value. Now tourists are complaining that the land of the rising yen has gone from expen-sive to unaffordable.

"Everything is so expensive here," lamented Patricia Marsden, a tourist from Toronto, after visiting several of Tokyo's depart-

ment stores Friday. One U.S. dollar now huys about 102 yen, almost 20 per cent less than in early February, when the yen's latest surge to historic highs began. That makes Japan almost 20 per cent more expensive for an American tourist. But visitors from other coun-

tries are not immune. Given the recent confusion in European currency markets, more investors are buying yen, pushing up its value against most currencies. One of those feeling the pain

was Don Charlesworth, a New Zealander visiting Japan for the first time. He was floored by the cost of a set of golf clubs he priced in the plush Ginza shopping district.
The same 11-iron club set from

Ping Zing of the United States that goes for about \$1,000 back home was fetching 324,000 ven, the equivalent of \$3,200, be said. "People in Japan may be able

to afford it, but it's too expensive for me." Mr. Charlesworth said. To make matters worse; the value of the New Zealand dollar

porters and government officials he arrived in Japan was getting aren't the only ones bemoaning him just 56 yen Friday. For years, Japan has been an expensive place to visit, with an inefficient distribution system making consumer prices among the highest in the world. But the higher yen makes it even worse

for travellers. The number of travellers to Japan grew by just one per cent last year after rising 14 per cent and nine per cent respectively in the two years before that, according to the ministry of transport.

Businesses that cater to tourists are also getting antsy. Haruyuki Tajiri, reception manager at the moderate Ginza Tokyo Hotel, said he was worried that the higher yen would send budgetminded customers to cheaper hotels. The standard room at his hotel goes for 25,000 yen (about

Junko Igarashi, spokeswoman of the Japan travel Bureau. Japan's largest travel agency, said the higher ven is likely to encourage travellers to Asia to skip Japan in favour for cheaper destinations like Hong Kong and Bangkok.

But if the yen is keeping foreign tonrists away from Japan. it's having the opposite effect on Japanese going abroad. For them, everything abroad seems

Last year, a record 11.8 million Japanese travelled abroad and spent a record \$35.4 billion, has gone down every day of bis according to a report compiled by

## India probe report says foreign banks should go

NEW DELHI (R) — An Indian Bankamerica Corp's Bank of tion members say. parliamentary committee investigating India's \$1.28 billion securities scandal proposed in a draft report Friday that four foreign banks allegedly involved in the affair should be asked to leave.

The joint parliamentary committee (JPC) accused the banks of involvement in India's worst stocks and securities scandal that broke last year, bringing opposi-tion calls for Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's resignation.

Mr. Rao last month narrowly survived a no-confidence motion that the opposition moved mainly over the scandal, in which brokers and hankers colinded to illegally divert funds from trading in government securities to fuel a boom on the Bombay Stock Ex-

The banks allegedly involved in the scandal are Britain's Standard Chartered PLC, ANZ Group Ltd's ANZ Grindlays Bank.

America N.T. S.A. and Citicorp's Citihank N.A. JPC members said earlier they

had closely examined the secur-

ities transactions of the four fore-

ign banks. The JPC draft report said: The seriousness of the transgressions by the foreign banks is apparent from an observation of the representative of the finance ministry who when asked if the government was ready to tell the

in a resounding 'yes, sir.' The committee hopes the government would take necessary action in this regard," the report,

foreign hanks to pack up, replied

seen by Reuters, said. The 30-member JPC, which is due to submit its final report to parliament this month, has a majority of Mr. Rao's Congress Party deputies who may eventual-

Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, piloting India's sweeping economic reforms, has warned against any move to close down foreign banks, saying it would

harm his efforts to raise foreign

loans. Mr. Singh says the scandal was a "rystems failure." Some of the accused hanks bave claimed they were following normal practice in the volatile securities market when the scandal erupted in April last year.

The JPC is currently dehating whether to summon Mr. Rao, accused by Bombay's "big bull" stockbroker Harshad Mebta, the main accused in the scandal, of accepting 10 million rupees (\$320,000) in payoffs, its mem-

bers said. Mr. Mehta says his payment to Mr. Rao in November 1991 had belped him carry out some irregular transactions at the stock exly tone down the proposed action change because government offiagainst the foreign banks, opposi- cials looked the other way.

#### trip. The same currency that got the prime minister's office. Hungarian privatisation brings \$287 million in first half of 1993

balance of payments surplus WELLINGTON (AFP) - New Zealand posted a record halance of payments surplus of 519 million New Zealand dollars (\$286 million) in the latest March quarter, the Statistics Department has said.

The current account surplus is a turnaround from a deficit of 854 million dollars (\$470 million) in the December 1992 quarter and an improvement from an 18 million dollars (\$9 million) surplus in the on an annual basis the current account deficir improved to 927 million dollars (\$510 million) from 1.08 billion dollars (\$598 million) in the year ended March 1992.

The quarterly surplus reflected lower imports, a rise in tourist

arrivals and a reduced outflow on invisible items such as interest

BUDAPEST (AFP) - The incomes of Hungary's State Property Agency (SPA), which is responsible for the sales of state assets, totalled 27.62 billion forints (\$287 million) in the first half of the year.

Investors paid the agency 7.06 billion forints (\$73.5 million) and 10.68 hillion forints' (\$111 million) worth of foreign currency.

A further 1.33 hillion forints (\$13.8 million) came from dividends and leases, the agency

Apart from the cash income,

the SPA was credited with 8.22 billion forints (\$85.6 million) by buyers and received compensation coupons, issued hy the state to compensate for property nationalised during communism, to a value of 330 million forints

(\$3.4 million).
Government-issued Property Policy Guidelines, which however have not yer been approved by parliament, projected a cash in-come of 74.8 billion forints (\$779 million) for the SPA for the year.

The SPA spent 1.9 hillion forints (\$19.7 million) on privatisation during the first six

months. The agency spent 8.7 hillion forints (\$90.6 million) on reducing the state debt. 4.39 billion forints (\$45.7 million) on company reorganisation, 2.86 billion forints (\$29.79 million) on company reorganisation, 2.86 billion for the company reorganisation and it placed guarantee paymenr and it placed four hillion forints (\$41.66 million) on long-term deposits for guarantee purposes.

The greatest chunk of thar, 1.9 billion forints (\$19.79 million), went into the Employment Fund,

## Reforms in Tanzania may fuel capital flight — experts

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — Tanzanian economists warned Friday that recent financial reforms, including foreign ex- through sales of gold on the change auctions and the barmo- London market. nising of exchange rates, could speed capital flight and would not stabilise the local currency.

"The auctions are experimental and rather than eliminating the foreign exchange parallel market they might provide avenues for capital flight," said Alfred Mbelle, head economist at Dar Es Salaam's University.

Weekly foreign exchange auctions by former socialist Tanzania's; central hank were launched last month and have driven to local shilling up from around 500 to the U.S. dollar to around 460.

This has reversed a trend of devaluation that relentlessly pushed the shilling down in value since independence in 1961, when the currency was worth six to the

change raised by the central bank change.

The central bank has bought the gold from small miners at high cash prices that are competitive with those offered by smug-But Mr. Mbelle said the shill-

ing could not be stabilised simply through foreign exchange man-agement, adding that the confi-dence of local businessmen in the future of the economy would have to improve if they were not going to use it to send mooey abroad.

He added that Tanzania's ecostrong enough to absorb the mas-sive dollar injections from the part funds in shillings. central bank.

Mr. Mbelle cited the cases of Uganda and Zambia, where dol-lar auctions worked for a while said.

The market bas been fed by the but closed down after the central occasional sale of foreign ex- bank ran short of foreign ex-

A crucial aspect of currency liberalisation is support from foreign donors who can underwrite the process of change which economists believe must sustain an initial period in which capital flight is rampant, but later

calms down. In what could be an example of this support, the European Community (EC) will donate \$50.5 million to Tanzania for balance of payments support, finance ministry officials said Friday.

The money, given under the latest EC Lome aid agreement with Third World countries, will nomy, impoverished after years be stored in a fund which imporof socialist policies, was not yet ters will draw from, compensat-

> The local currency raised will then be used for health and

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payments.

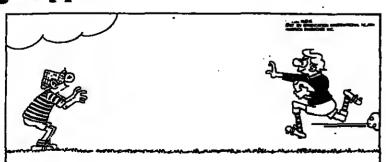








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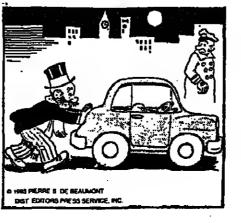




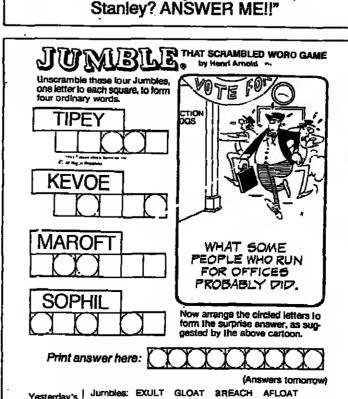
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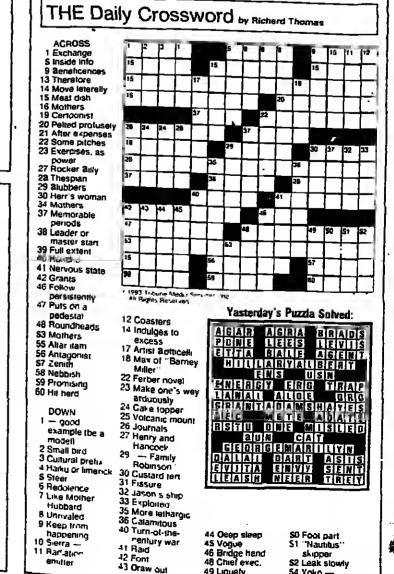


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Bank president Wang Deyan, speaking to a meeting in Peking of the bank's overseas branch managers, was quoted as saying deposits in overseas branches ex-

ceeded \$51.0 billion. He called for a stronger presence by the bank in securities trading, airplane leasing and the sale of China funds abroad, Mr. Wang said the bank's over-

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#### Taiwan eases credit curbs to spur economy

TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan's central bank eased restrictions on lending to property buyers and investment firms Saturday as purt of measures to stimulate flagging economic growth.

Financial institutions will be allowed to make more loans for purchases of vacant land in urban areas, as long as the deals are made for legitimate purposes such as construction of commercial and residential buildings, the central bank said.

Ceilings on lending to invest-ment companies that have not registered with the finance ministry were scrapped. Some credit curbs, such as limits on lending for golf course development, were retained.

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UAE says it is on verge of new oil era refineries are being expanded," the report in the August issue of

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is embarking on a new phase of expansion in its oil industry following the discovery of new deposits and the development of new energy facilities, according to an official report,

Despile fears that proposed Western energy taxes would lower demand for oil, the UAE has pressed ahead with expansion plans and stepped up exploration. said the report by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company ADNOC), which controls the JAE's oil industry.

"New discoveries have been made in onsbore and offshore areas, new fields have been commissioned and existing fields are being developed and upgraded, while new gas plants have been set up and existing units and

the company's magazine ADNOC News said.

The new projects would "put the UAE by the start of next year before a new phase in its oil industry and its role in the world oil market," the report added.

The UAE, a key member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has around 98 billion barrels of emde oil reserves - neatly 10 per cent of the world's reserves and 5.6 trillion cubic metres (186.6 trillion cubic feet) of gas

Oil industry sources said the projects, costing more than \$5 billion would push the UAE's crude output capacity to around three million barrels per day (bid) by 1995 compared with 3.5 miltion hid currently.

Gas output is set to double to nearly five million tonnes annual-

ADNOC said a project to increase the production capacity of Umm Al Nar retinery to 85,000 b.d from 72,000 bid would be completed this month, while studies are underway to expand the other refinery 21 Ruwais.

The company said another project to develop a gas field in Hadshan was launched in March while the commissioning of a new oil field in Jurn Yafour would begin in December.

Almost all the expansion is being carried out in Abu Dhabi, the biggest UAE emirate, which produces more than 80 per cent of the country's output. Abu

Dhabi also owns around 90 per cent of the crude reserves.

The second largest producer is Dubai, but according to the Nicosia-based Middle East Economy Survey, the emirate's production has steadily fallen over the past two years because of a decline in offshore fields. From a peak of 410,000 b/d in 1991, Dubai produced about 310,000

bid in July, it said. Around half of the UAE's oil production of 2.16 million b/d is exported to Japan, which also receives most of the UAE's gas

The UAE has reached its highest level of oil production since it began crude exports in 1962, unlike neighbouring Saudi Arabia, whose output has de-clined to eight million b/d, from nearly 12 million b d during the c... boom of the late 1970s.

Other Gulf states have all: embarked on energy expansion. programmes in expectation of increased demand.

However, some experts have said such plans will have to be revised if the European Community and the United States go ahead with proposed energy taxes, which are likely to reduce demand and lower the oil fu-

venue of Gulf countries. Oil industry sources in the region said the current projects (ell within short-term plans up to

"Long term plans will depend on the future outlook of the market and the effects of the energy raxes if they are anforced, one expert said.

#### New growth data pushes Australia to top of Western league

SYDNEY (AFP) — New data showing a dramatic piek-up in economic growth has pushed Australia to the top of the growth league of Western economies. although some economists urged caution before celebrations be-

According to national accounts figures released by the Bureau of Statistics, real gross domestic product (GDP) jumped by 1.2 per cent in seasonally adjusted terms for the quarter, from the preceding three months, representing a rise for the year of 3.3

Boosted more by consumer

and government spending than by much needed business investment, the rate of growth in the three months to June was almost double what most analysts had forecast.

The annual growth rate to the end of the March quarter was 2.5 per cent which meant the June increase was the sharpest since the economic boom was tailing off in the September quarter of 1989.

However, the bureau's trend measure, which smooths out seasonal influences, gave a less optimistie reading, recording growth of only 0.6 per cent in the quarter

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and representing an annual 2.8 per cent.

Prime Minister Paul Keating said the figure pushed Australia in the top of the Organisation for Economie Cooperation and Development (OECD) table and would give added momentum to an economy which had returned to its favourable position of 30

"As the growth picks up employment will start." he said. Dresdner Bank economist Rob Henderson said the data showed the recovery remained reason-

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However some others, including Treasurer John Dawkins said that while encouraging the data may have overstated the strength of the economy.

"I think you've got to take some qualification about these figures in terms of suggesting that we are growing at 3.3 per cent on an annualised basis," Mr. Dawkins told a press eonference. "If you look at the trend figures ... I think we've got an economy

The latest figure follows a growth rate of 0.4 per cent in the March quarter, which had best. revised from the previously made lished figure of 0.5 per cent.

The bureau said the party of accounts were released early re-cause of the Aug. 17 budget and the latest figures could also be

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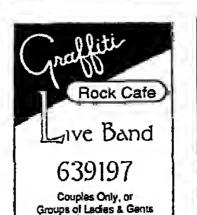




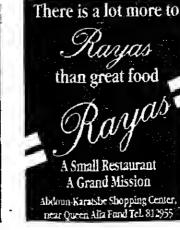


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Lazy postman admits hiding mail

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LONDON (R) — A British post-

man who stole or bid 11,000 postal items because be wanted to

have a short day and play golf was

jailed for 12 months Friday. Paul

Osboorne's actions "defied be-

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Roberts said after passing sent-

ence on the postman, who admitted his guilt. "They amount to

laziness, a wish to have a short

day and go and play golf," the judge said. "That is incredible behaviour." Some of the mail

included post due to be delivered

at Christmas last year, prosecutor

Julian Ironside told the court. Mr. Osbourne, 24, hid thousands

of letters and postal packets in his

house, where a search revealed

33 delivery pouches and a refuse

sack full of mail. Another 4,700

items were found in the loft,

which Mr. Osbourne had forgot-

ten about, Mr. Ironside said. Mr.

Osbourne was found out when a

colleague discovered a partly-torn refuse sack containing 198 postal packets outside Mr.

Osbourne's home in Swindon, 70

miles (110 km) southwest of Lon-

## French watchdog spikes curbs on immigration

PARIS (R) — France's constitutional conncil Saturday rejected key provisions of a controversial hardline law to curb immigration and told the conservative government to rewrite them.

The council's ruling, released to the press, censured eight of the law's 52 articles, saying they deprived foreigners of hasic rights guaranteed to anyone living on French territory.

There was no immediate reaction from the government. The ruling hy the council, which that laws conform to the constitution, will force it to review the censured articles.

The law, pushed through parliament last month, is a crucial part of Interior Minister Charles Pasqua's plans to move towards what he has called "zero immigration" and crack down on

illegal immigrants. France has 57.5 million inhahitants, including an estimated 300.000 to one million illegal immigrants, in addition to about four million legal foreign residents.

Welcomed by conservatives and right-wing groups, the law caused an ontery among human rights and anti-racism groups and

tional council by Socialist and Communist parliamentarians.

The council declared illegal: - The right of a town mayor to ask a state prosecutor to delay or han a marriage between a French citizen and a foreigner when it is suspected of being a marriage of convenience to acquire French citizenship. The council said the right to marry was part of indiidual freedom.

 A provision banning foreign students from bringing their spouse and children to France. The council said this was a basic right for all residents.

- An automatic one-year ban on reentry into France for expelled foreigners. The council said the ban could not be imposed without considering the gravity of the reasons for expulsion.

The right to detain for three months foreigners who cannot be deported to their own country as they have no identity was in infringement on individual free-

- A provision depriving asylum-seekers of the right to appeal after their request had been turned down hy administrative authorities.

### U.N. expects Serbs and Muslims to respect pullout

SARAJEVO (R) - The United Nations commander in Bosnia said Saturday he expected both Serb and Muslim forces to respect an agreement for the Serbs to pull their troops off mountain positions surrounding Sarajevo.

General Francis Briquemont was speaking after a 4 p.m. (1400 GMT) deadline set for Serb forces to withdraw from mounts Igman and Bielasnica.

"I hope this night will be calm," he told Reuters Televi-sion. "I think both sides intend to

respect the up ation." The Serbs le promised to pull their troop back from the mountains in a: operation that would pave the way for the resumption of s.alled Bosnian peace talks in Geneva on Mon-

It was not clear whether the final pullout was complete,



Bosnian Serb military vehicles prepare in front of a

#### Kashmiri rebels kill 15 bus passengers

Kashmiri separatists killed 15 bus passengers Saturday, the eve of India's independence celebrations, after hijacking the vehicle and picking out their victims, domestic news agencies reported.

They quoted police as saying all 15 people picked out for death belonged to "a particular com-

Indian media do not identify specifically the religious identities f victims of sectarian strife and the phrase meant in this case that the murdered people were Hindus.

The agencies said the bus was on its way to Jammn, the winter capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state, when it was hijacked by six militants.

They forced the driver to head off the main road to a seclinded spot, selected their victims and shot them dead

Trouble in Jammn and Kashmir was widely anticipated this weekend. Pakistan celehrates its 1947 independence from Britain Saturday and India Sunday. Since a rebellion against Indian

rule broke out in the Kashmir Valley in January 1990, the independence celebrations have been marked by violence. Most of it has been in Srinagar,

the Summer capital of the Indian state, where many people fly Pakistani flags on Aug. 14, and demonstrate against Indian rule on Aug. 15. Witnesses in Srinagar said security forces were deployed in strength on the city streets Saturday. Some Pakistani flags flew from rooftops in the narrow streets of the old city, hut no significant trouble had been reported by midday.

Police and hospitals have reported more than 12,000 deaths in the rebellion, which India blames on Pakistan, saying Islamabad arms, trains and guides the militants. Islamabad denies the charges.

> Some militant groups are fight-ing to join Pakistan which has fought two of its three wars with India over Kashmir and rules one third of the Himalayan territory. Others want a reunited and independent Kashmir.

Investigation of reputed Hollywood madam widens

LOS ANGELES (R) - A wide-

ning investigation of Hollywood's

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reputed "madam t , the stars," a case which bas sent celebrities and studio executives scurrying for cover, has given rise to new allegations of violence and police complicity. Heidi Fleiss, a 27year-old high school dropout, was reported to have gone into hiding at 'a Palm Springs, California, villa following her arraignment Monday on charges that she ran a high-priced call girl service cater-ing to the entertainment world. With Ms. Fleiss out of sight, Hollywood - a town that loves a steamy plot line - was buzzing with whispers about star marriages and steller careers that could be broken if the contents of her "black book" are ever revealed. In another strange twist, a condominium owned by Ivan Nagy, Ms. Fleiss's 56-year-old ex-boyfriend and an alleged rival in the high-rent prostitution trade, was sprayed with gunfire earlier this week, police said. The Hungarian-born movie producer, who was not home at the time, appeared on Cable News Network's Larry King Live show Thursday night saying he would not be surprised if Ms. Fleiss's "kick man" — her enforcer was behind the attack. Mr. Nagy, arrested last week on charges of ing his own separate c ring, suggested that the intent may have been to intimidate him into silence. Ms. Fleiss, be said, would like him to "go away for "f

#### Hanoi to get mobile phones

security for Ms. Fleiss.

two years, disappear." Suspicion

has been cast on local policy departments amid press reports

of investigations into allegations

that off-duty officers may have

worked as drivers or provided

HANOI (R) - Mobile telephones, standard business tools in most Asian cities, are to come this month to Hanoi, one of the continent's last beep-free outposts. In newspaper advertisements Saturday, Vietnam's post office said it was starting an experimental service in the capital in late August. A mobile phone service already operates in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's bigges city and commercial centre.

#### Berlin court rules in alleged art forgery case

BERLIN (R) — A Berlin court lifted a gag on an art expert who maintains that the so-called Vienna collection of the late German artist Joseph Beuys is a forgery. The controversy, which critics bebeve could develop into the biggest art forgery case in post-war Europe, involves more than 100 works its owners say are worth nearly 12 million. The appeals court overturned a lower court decision which muzzled art historian Heiner Bastian from alleging that 28 collages and other works shown at the Brera Academy in Milan, Italy, were fraudulent. It did not rule on the fraudulent of the did not rule on their anthenticity Mr. Bastian, a long-time friend of Beuys, a leading figure of the "Arte Povera" movement who died in 1986, visited the Milan exhibit in March and declared in a scathing letter to several institue tions that the works were forged. He was sued by Vienna art dealer Julius Hummel, who displayed the works and previously exhibited more than 100 Beuys objects in Tenerife, Canary Islands. Mr. Hommel said Beuys created the works in Vienna between 1976 and 1983. At the centre of the dispute is Oswald Oberhuber, rector of Vienna's School of Applied Art. He authenticated the works and claimed in a declaration to the lower court to have bought some of them from the artist himself. But Mr. Oberhands ber later withdrew his testimony.

### Death toll climbs in Thailand hotel collapse

Workers rushed to rescue survivors among at least 100 persons still entombed beneath the wreckage of a collapsed, six-story hotel Saturday. The death toll mounted to 59, and was expected to further increase, authorities

The hotel, touted as the most luxurious in this provincial capital, collapsed quickly in a heap of concrete and twisted steel rods

About 350 injuries were reported, although about a fifth of them were minor.

The stench of death hegan to spread across the site of the Royal Plaza Hotel as workers toiled under a boiling sun. Police were seen retrieving architectural blueprints from the rear of the collapsed structure.

"We are trying to lift off the hotel's roof today to save anyone who might be alive," said Chatichai Choonhavan, a former

Bomb injures 5 policemen in Belfast

BELFAST (R) - A car bomb exploded outside a popular

restaurant in a predominantly Protestant area of Belfast late

Friday, injuring police officers who were trying to clear the area.

police said. They said five officers needed treatment for cuts and

bruises while several civilians were suffering from sbock. The

that a 250-pound (113-kg) bomb had been placed in a car near the Barclay Restaurant. The caller, ming to represent the Irish Republican Army (IRA), used a code word recognised for such

messages. A police spokesman said the call had given only a few

minutes notice of the hlast, adding that this had been hopelessly

madequate. The IRA is fighting to drive Britain from Northern Ireland. Earlier Friday firebombs believed have been planted by

the IRA wrecked four stores in the southern English resort of

TBILISI (R) - The United States Friday formally upgraded its

economic relations with Georgia Friday, granting the Transcauca-

sian state "most favoured nation" trading status, Georgia's

government press centre said. A press centre representative said U.S. Ambassador Kent Brown met Foreign Minister Alexander

Chikvaidze and handed over documents ratified by the U.S.

Congress detailing Georgia's new trade status. Five days earlier, a

U.S. diplomat alleged to have been working for Washington's

Central Intelligence Agence (CIA) was shot dead in a car on a

bandit-infested road outside the Georgian capital. Mr. Brown

told a news conference that U.S. interest in Georgia was high and

that the only obstacle to increased investment was concern "er

security. But he said Washington did not "associate the ( )-

chief, Eldar Gogoladze, Mr. Gogoladze had been driving . ir.

Woodruff and two women back into Tbilisi after a sightseeing trip

mat's) murder with Georgia as a whole." On Wedne Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze suspended his se

Bournemouth. No one was reported injured.

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commercial centre abo. 130 miles (200 kilometres) nor reast

of Bangkok. Mr. Chatichai, who said poor building methods may hav caused the collapse, likened the

"Some are still alive. We can bear their voices," said one 1 coe worker, passing a bucket of debris to another in a long human chain. Police Major Suchin Mitpanich said at least 100 persons remained huried under the debris but could not estimate how many were still alive.

A provincial coordinating committee, set up Friday, gave the latest death toll at 59.

Bedsheets were strung up to protect workers from the searing tropical sun, Exhausted, some stretched out to catch naps on mattresses from the ruined hotel. One man slept in a bathtrib. The rescue teams had worked

through the night, using jackhammers, crowbars, hacksaws and cranes. Sohhing relatives stood for questioning the hotel owner. by, waiting to learn the fate of people still caught under the

The council said authorities

should be careful not to infringe

hasic rights and discriminate

when implementing other provi-

sions regarding asylum and

It was the fourth time in a

month that the conneil partially

censured laws passed by the over-

whelmingly conservative parlia-

The watchdog last month re-jected clauses of a nationality law

under which foreigners or

French-born children of fore-igners could be denied citizenship

if they had been the object of an

expulsion or confinement order.

new criminal procedure code

allowing police to hold children under 13 for up to 48 hours and

banning suspected terrorists and

drug dealers from being assisted

by a lawyer while in police cus-

It said that a law making the

bank of France independent from the government in line with the

Maastricht Treaty could not be

implemented until the treaty on

European Union had come into

effect. The treaty still has to be

ratified by Germany.

It rejected this month parts of a

ment elected last March.

identity checks.

Air Force master sergeant caught under the falling building when he stopped there to send a fax, another U.S. serviceman said Saturday, Police identified him as Lamont Canda and said he was a Filipino-American.

Master Sgt. Larry H. Crismon of Salt Lake City, Utah, said the dead sergeant was part of an air force detachment installing telephone lines at the Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. The base

the Vietnam War. hotel's collapse was connected to, ever brought to justice. the addition of three top floors in 1990. A police official, Chalong respect regulations and this has Kingchakaew, said the hotel was being renovated when it col- he said.

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lapsed..
Police said they were holding architect and an engineer who worked on the additions.

A newspaper report said addi-Among the dead was a U.S. tional weight may have been placed on the structure after the hotel stocked up additional water supplies in four huge tanks atop the huilding in anticipation of a water supply cut.

Investigators are to determine whether the extra floors were built illegally, as is often the case in Thailand.

Visiting the scene Friday Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai noted that some official inspectors are known to take bribes in was used by Americans during exchange for approving construcre Vietnam War. tion of unsafe buildings. When Police said they suspected the accidents occur few culprits are

> "It seems we Thais do not resulted in frequent problems,

### Phnom Penh calls for patience; Khmer Rouge demands talks

Cambodian government 1978. appealed Saturday to the people to be patient and understanding with its administration as it struggles to guide a country wrecked by two decades of war.

The administration, which took control after U.N-organised elections this past May, said in a statement that some political forces were trying to destroy the coalition government without thinking of the nation.

But it called on the people to be patient, respect law and order and help prevent the further divion of the country.

The statement, which also was read on national television Friday night, was clearly aimed at the Khmer Ronge, which controls about 20 per cent of Cambodia. The guerrilla group has been myriad problems facing Cambo-attacking the forces of the new dia and noted it was "the first national army while objecting to the coalition government com-prised of its former battlefield ally, FUNCINPEC, and its nemesis, the previous Vietnamese-

The Khmer Rouge has called for FUNCINPEC, which won most seats in the election, to rule alone. And it has called on the people to fight against any elements of the previous administra- advisors to the administration.

installed administration.

PHNOM PENH (AP) - The tion, installed by Vietnam in

The Khmer Rouge considers that administration its enemy because it ousted the guerrilla group from three years of power, during which it killed hundteds of thousands of Cambodians. The Khmer Rouge then fought

aloneside the FUNCINPEC Partv and a third rebel group for 13 years against the Vietnameseinstalled administration until all four factions signed a 1991 peace accord. Only the Khmer Rouge bas violated the accord, even boycotting the poll this past

The government statement said FUNCINPEC and the Cambodian People's Party of the former Vietnamese-installed administration were cooperating to solve the time in two decades of war that we can compromise with hon-

The Khmer Rouge has clearly been sidelined by the new administration.

The government has so far refused to consider the Khmer Rouge's offer to join the new national army and open its territory to the government if made

administration wants the Khmer Ronge to first show its sincerity by stopping its attacks on the national armed forces.

On Saturday, the Khmer Rouge demanded on the guerrilla group's radio that the government meet with its leaders to discuss their offer to end the 15-year civil war.

Government officials say the

Meanwhile, the co-presidents of the interim government were in Thailand to improve relations with a neighbour that bas been

the key backer of the guerrillas. Prince Norodom Ranariddh Thai officials Saturday and were scheduled to have an andience with King Bbumibol Adulyadej.
A joint communique issued

Friday avoided the issue of continued involvement by Thai businessmen with the Khmer Rouge or accusations by the United Nations that Thai troops bad cooperated with the Khmer Ronge m some border areas. Instead the communique fo-

cused on forther Thai aid to Cambodia, the opening of permanent border crossing points and cooperation in a number of fields. The co-presidents are scheduled to return to Cambodia Sun-

## Pope takes break in Rocky Mountains

DENVER, Colorado (R) -Pope John Paul II took an unusnal break Friday, spending a day in the Rocky Mountains before urging young people in Denver to work for peace and jus-

The Pontiff addressed his young audience via a television hookup after spending a day in the Rockies, where he hiked, read poetry and prayed, his spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters.

struggle for justice, solidarity and

Christian love," he sold the youngsters. He also exhorted them against

"Take courage in the face of life's difficulties and injustices." the Pope told young people taking part in the way of the cross commemorating the events between Christ's condemnation to die and his death on the cross.

"Commit yourselves to the peace in the world. Offer your an outdoor stadium from the youthful energies and your ta-lents to huilding a civilisation of Conception.

becoming disheartened by life's

His address to the young people attending World Youth Day,

an internacional religious gathering, was transmitted by cable to

The Pope was given a pair of white, size 10-1/2 sneakers upon. his arrival at a Catholic retreat house in Estes Park, about 60 miles from Denver.

"I think he was very, very happy today," his spokesman said adding he had used a walking stick the children presented to him with a jacket.

The pope seemed to be enjoying the mountain air after the sweltering temperatures in Jamaica and Mexico, the first two legs of his trip.

An avid mountaineer, the Pope was unfazed by the 9.200 foot (2,800 metres) altitude. Card.

### Documents prove Japan waged germ warfare in China during World War II

rians bave unearthed documents proving what the government has long denied - that the imperial army conducted secret biological warfare in China during World War II. news reports said Satur-

Shinicbi Arai, a professor at reached for comment.

The documents provide grisly details of how Unit 731 waged germ and pest warfare in China, according to the reports.

One account tells of a pilot scattering fleas that had been over Hunan province in Novem- ple. ber 1941.

Two weeks later, Unit 731 notes that Chinese authorities reported the outbreak of plague in

In another, a senior army medical officer described a plan to use 750,000 Japanese-raised rats to cause disease in China. The Japanese government has

long maintained there is insufficient evidence to back up claims that the unit conducted gruesome experiments on allied prisoners in China up until the end of World War II and that it waged germ warfare.

Last year, another team of Japanese researchers went public with pre-1945 Chinese government documents describing how the imperial army sprayed germcontaminated fleas over central

Unit 731 was run by Major General Shiro Ishii, a hacteriologist who was never tried as a war criminal by allied forces after Japan's 1945 defeat.

Some historians have said that research data.

Earlier this month, Japan's

Documents proving the exist-ence of such "comfort women", army library in Tokyo.

#### when the American was killed. ANC repudiates Mokaba comments

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The African National Congress (ANC) has repudiated youth leader Peter Mokaba's call for attacks on President F.W. De Klerk and for the explusion of security forces from black townships. Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said police had begun an enquiry into Mr. Mokaba's angry rhetoric at a funeral Thursday for victims of township violence and a prosecution might follow. Mr. Mokaba triggered a wave of mainly white outrage Thursday when he told hlack youths at the funeral to drive the army and the police out of the townships "and take the struggle to their areas." When youths greeted him with volleys of pistol and rifle fire, he told them "direct those hullets against De Klerk." He also urged them to take down a migrant-worker hostel dominated by the rival Inkatha Freedom Party "brick by hrick." The ANC said in a statement it had never called for the physical dismantling of hostels, which are often dominated by supporters of rival black leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party.

#### Italy seeks to restart Karabakh talks

ROME (R) — Italy produced a fresh initiative designed to restart the stalled peace process in the disputed Transcaucasian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. An Italian Foreign Ministry statement said warring Armenians and Azeris would be asked to approve a new timetable for the introduction of a ceasefire to end a five-year conflict which bas killed thousands. The two ethnic groops are fighting for control of the former Soviet enclave, a region largely peopled by Armenians but administered by Azeris. The initiative follows a meeting in Rome Friday between Armenian and Azeri representatives and nine nations from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), which have been trying to resolve the conflict since March 1992. The Italians, heading the mediation effort, said the CSCE would send a mission to the region to report on the military and political situation. The statement said the Rome meeting was attended by high level government officials from Armenia and Azerbaijan plus representatives of the two communities from Nagorno-Karabakh. It added the conflict had created more than a million refugees – more than 750,000 in Azerbaijan and at least 300,000 in Armenia. Iran Thursday warned Armema to pull forces out of Azerbaijan, saying it could not remain indifferent to aggression close to its

#### 'Access to N. Korea plants not enough'

VIENNA (R) - The United Nations nuclear watchdog said Friday North Korea was still restricting access to two suspect atomic sites and an agreement on full inspections appeared to be deadlocked. A team of experts from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) returned from a week-long visit to North Korea Thursday and said they were only allowed to carry out maintenance work on monitoring equipment at the plants in Yongbyon. "We are not getting the kind of satisfactory access required to move our inspections procedures ahead. IAEA spokesman David Kyd told Reuters. "That process is stymied for the time being," he added. North Korea's Stalinist government agreed after talks with the United States last month to allow IAEA experts to resume inspections. Pyongyang softened its position after four months of tense negotiations following its unprecedented move in March to withdraw from the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, blocking further IAEA checks.

#### China blames West for corruption

PEKING (AP) - China's Communist Party chief has linked the nation's growing corruption with Western influences, and plans to launch a major crackdown later this month, a pro-Peking newspaper in Hong Kong reported Saturday. Party General Secretary "Jiang Zemin believes that at no time have a few Western forces stopped practicing peaceful evolution on us, creating chaos in people's minds and disrupting the building of socialism," the Wen Wei Po said. "Peaceful evolution" refers to a supposed plot in the West to gradually undermine socialism in China by introducing Western ideas. The charge was levelled frequently in the conservative backlash following the crackdown on the 1989 pro-democracy movement, but has rarely been invoked in the past year, as the nation turned its focus from political issues to economic ones. The newspaper reported Mr. Jiang as saying that China must oppose peaceful evolution, total Westernisation and corruption at all times. It said the party leadership has agreed to launch a major anti-corruption crackdown on Ang. 20 and are determined to crack some hig cases in the next six months.

#### Amnesty fears for Timor rebel leader

JAKARTA (R) - Human rights group Amnesty International said Saturday it remained concerned about jailed East Timorese rebel leader Xanana Gusmao despite Indonesia's reduction of his life sentence. In a statement from its London headquarters. Amnesty said the reduction of Mr. Xanana's imprisonment to 20 years, announced Friday, was designed to appease the interna-tional community. Indonesia has barred family and Red Cross visits to Xanana since his trial ended in May, Amnesty said. 'Amnesty International has remained seriously concerned about the health of Xanana Gusmao throughout his detention," it said. Mr. Xanana, 47, who headed a Fretilin guerrilla army fighting Indonesian rule in East Timor until bis capture last November, was sentenced after a three-month trial. Amnesty has called the

#### Jamaica finance minister quits

KINGSTON, Jamaica (R) - Jamaican Finance Minister Hngh Small has resigned his cabinet post following reports of fiscal and monetary policy differences with the ruling People's National Party. A statement issued by the office of Prime Minister P.J. Patterson said Mr. Small submitted bis resignation after he refused to lead a government policy review requested by the cabinet. The cabinet bad expressed concern over the impact of several new policy initiatives. Under International Monetary Fund guidance recent changes in Jamaica's foreign exchange system have led to a 12 per cent devaluation, and government's tighter monetary controls hz. & pushed interest rates upwards of 55 per cent.

## Navarro-Vallas said.

Surugadai University, and a research team discovered journals compiled by the notorious Unit 731, which experimented on humans to create biological weapons, in the library of the army's National Institute for Defence, the daily Asahi Shimbun and Kyodo News Agency said. Prof. Arai could not he

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Ishn and bis colleagues were granted immunity by U.S. occupation forces in exchange for

outgoing Liberal Democratic Party government finally acknowledged that the imperial army had forced tens of thousands of Asian women to serve as battlefront prostitutes for Japanese soldiers.

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not home at MOGYOROD, Hungary (AP) - Alain Prost was more than half a

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inprised if \( \k\_i \) "I think the track is going to change quite a lot over the course of \( n'' = \text{her chicke} \) bet chicked," he said after driving his Williams-Renault around the \( d \text{ the attack } \) \( \frac{1}{2} \) 968-kilometre (2.465-mile) Hungaroring Circuit in one minute,

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gested that the Prost, looking for his eighth victory of the year and fifth in a row, been to must everaged 189.488 kph (117.584 mph), easily beating Germany's car. Mr. Flers helichael Schumacher, who drove his Benneton-Ford to a time of

disappear to chanical and tyre failure while leading the last two races in case on local periods and Germany, was next in 1:16.135.

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is driven of i "We've had some specific traction control problems in the last few

or Ms. Flees aces, and I feel now that we have 99 per cent solved those

a phones nechanics had them working properly by the start of qualifying.
"I tried hard, but I had some problems, not least when I came

IR .- Moletipon one car spinning," he said. "He had just lost it, and 1 just

Damon Hill, the hard-luck Briton who has been fouled hy

Schumacher, who finished second two weeks ago in Hockenheim,

Hill battled with his brakes early in the morning practice but his

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

HASTE MAKES WASTE

virtually a compulsory raise, both in and out of competition. South was full value for a jump to game. West led the queen of spades and.

quick as a flash, South covered an

returned a spade, and eventually de-

clarer had to rely on the dismond finesse for the contract. Unfortu-

nately, that failed and declarer con-ceded two diamond tricks and one in

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surely was not leading the queeo of spades from a holding that included

the A Q, especially oo this auction.

By playing low instead of going up with the king, declarer would have

had an extra chance for the

Let's suppose West switches to a club. Declarer ducks the first club

and wins the continuation. (If East switches to a diamond instead, dr-

clarer finesses.) Now declarer can draw trumps by using dummy's high

trumps, each time returning to hand by rulling a spade. When the ace of

the suit, declarer can ruff a club in

king of spades, then try the dismood

finesse for an overtrick.

ades drops on the third round of

Naturally, declarer squandered a

night same he first qualifying session for the Hungarian Grand Prix.

intentions of staying back, but I played strong enough to keep him back," said Agassi.

defeated seventh-seeded Aman-

da Coetzer of South Afica 6-1 6-1

in her quarter-final match at the

56-player, hard court tournament

which serves as a warm-up for the

McNeil erased a poor first set

with tough, aggressive tennis in

the last two sets when she beat

fourth-seeded Amgdalena

Malceva of Bulgaria 1-67-6 (7-4)

of Argentina outplayed Amer-

Sanchez Vicario versus McNeil

and Navratilova against Sabatini.

8-1 in three-set matches this year,

spent most of her match with

Garrison-Jackson scrambling

from side-to-side and trying to

keep the American away from

in the world, took the offensive in

the final set, putting the 16th-

ranked Garrison-Jackson on the

defensive and approaching the

net behind her well placed

groundstrokes on key points. Sanchez Vicario said that her

three-set record this year is a

result of her confidence and she

hopes to use it to win the upcom-

matches, which shows that 1 am very tough mentally. If I can keep

doing this, I will win one of these in a big final, I hope," the Spa-

"Today, I knew that she was

going to run me around very

much but when I got to the third

set I was not tired because I am in

a good shape," Sanchez Vicario

event a record seven times, con-

trolled the important points by

hitting her serves close to the

lines or successfuly attacking

STUTTGART (AP) - Despite

the risk of further legal conflicts,

the governing body for track and

field this week upheld its hard-

Athletic Federation rejected

proposals for more lenient sanc-

tions and stuck to its automatic

four-year suspension for use of

steriods and other performance-

enhancing substances.
The IAAF increased the ban

from two years to four years in

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Sanchez Vicario, ranked third

Third-seeded Gabriela Sabatini

Pairings for the semifinals are

Sanchez Vicario, who is now

7-5 in the quarter finals.

ican Kimberly Po 6-4 6-2.

Tenth-seeded American Lori

U.S. Open.

Agassi was practically errorfree in the entire match with only three unforced errors -- all in the

He had a stunning first-serve percentage of 73 while the serving specialist Stich had an embarrassing 38 per cent.

After taking the first set with a service break in the eighth game, Agassi dominated the second set with breaks in the third and fifth

At S-1. Agassi had two match points on Stich's serve in the seventh game, but did not take the match until the eighth gama. Stich defeated Australian Mark Woodforde 6-3 6-3 in his morning third-round match.

The top-ranked Sampras, who posted a 6-2 7-5 third-round win over fellow American Aaron Kriekstein earlier in the day. served 12 aces in his match against Bryan.

Bryan had upset 10th-seeded Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev in his earlier third-round match.

Sampras broke Bryan's serve at love in the fifth game of the first set for the lead. In the second set. Sampras only lost six points, two on his own service.

There was no reason for me to play any more," said Sampras, who turned 22 on Thursday. "Up 5-0. I don't want to fool around, get broken and stay out there an extra 15 minutes.

Sanchez Vicario outlasts Garrison-Jackson

In Manhattan Beach, California, top-seeded Arantxa Sancbez Vicario showed ber third-set tenacity when she outlasted eighth seed Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-3 3-6 6-2 in one hour, 58 minutes in the quarter finals of the 375,000 Virginia Slims of Los

### Seles' attacker charged

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) -The man who stabbed Monica Seles in April and knocked her out of tennis competition has heen charged with eausing grievous bodily harm, authorities

said Friday.
Seles, 19, has been undergoing rehabilitation in Vail, Colorado, at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic, and will be unable to defend her U.S. Open title at the end of August, it was announced Thurs-

The prosecutors' office in Hamburg, where Seles was com-peting when she was stabbed by a man who said he wanted German Grand Slam winner Steffi Graf to return to the top of the Women's Tennis Association rankings, said the suspect Guenter P. was chatged on Thursday. The suspect's full name bas not been released, as is often the case in German law.

The 38-year-old man from Thuringia state in eastern Germany will not be prosecuted for the more serious charge of attempted manslaughter. Prosecutors said last week that Seles had not permitted her doctors to provide detailed information about her wound, and that prevented the prosecutor from filing the more serious charge.

Conviction for attempted manslaughter would likely bring a minimum prison sentence of five years, while the charge of causing grievous bodily harm has a maximum sentence of five years.

The suspect, who remains under arrest, is accused of stabbing Seles in the back as she sat during a changeover between ames during a tournament in Hamburg April 30.

Seles was the WTA's tworanked player, but since then Graf has taken over the lead. winning the French Open and Wimbledon.

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reduce the penalty to the lowest

common denominator," said

British delegate David Bedford,

who spearheaded the introduc-

tion of the four-year ban in 1991.

German track federation, com-

plained that only 10 of the 194 countries involved in the debate

were truly aware of the problems.

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## CAIRO (R) — The African Soccer Federation has expelled Algeria from the finals of the African Nations' Cup for fielding a player who was under

Algeria expelled from African

suspension, a federation statement said Saturday. The statement said Algeria would be considered to have lost their January 10 match with Senegal because Mourad Karouf played while he still had one match of a two-match suspension to serve. This meant Senegal instead of Algeria would qualify for the finals of the Biennial Cup, due to be held in Tunis next March. Ivory Coast are the defending champions.

#### Former World Cup greats promotional tour

NEW YORK (AP) - Pele and other former World Cup stars such as Rivelino, Gordon banks and Geoff Hurst will take part in Soccer Blast USA a 36-city touring festival. The one-day events began Saturday in Boston and will run through Dec. 19, the day of the World Cup draw. Soccer Blast USA, sponsored by Mastercard and Proctor and Gamble, will visit 25 states. Besides the World Cup stars, U.S. national team players Peter Vermes, Desmond Armstrong and Michelle Akers-Stahl, will participate in various activities, including shooting contests against a mechanical goalkeeper and 5-on-5 games with amateur players. The shooting contests will offer prizes to goal scorers. Pele will be on hand for approximately 10 events and drawings will be held for free copies of his instructional video. He also will sign autographs, as will vermes, armstrong and Akers-Stahl, who led the United States to the women's world representing the Unified Team of former Soviet championship in 1991.

1st gold medal goes to Finland STUTTGART (AP) — Sari Russian finisher was Yelena was bothered by three false starts Nikolayeva, who finished in his beat.

World Athletics Championships

Essayah of Finland won the first gold medal of the World Chamseventh. pionships Saturday, while Amer-ican sprinter Andre Cason posted the fastest time in the 100-metre

Essayah won the women's 10kilometre walk in 42 minutes and 59 seconds, just off the championship record of 42:57. It was the first major victory for the 26-year-old Essayab, who finished third at the 1991 World Championships and fourth at the 1992 Olympics.

Essayah surged into the lead after the halfway point when the leader, Madelein Svensson of Sweden, was disqualified for an infraction — most likely running. Ileana Salvador of Italy took the silver in 43:08, with Encarna-cion Granados of Spain winning the bronze in 43.21.

Russian athletes, who won the event at the two previous World Championships, finished out of the medals this ome. The top

Nations' Cup

In the men's 100, all the top names advanced with ease to the second round. Cason, the U.S. champion, led the way with a

time of 10.09 seconds. Carl Lewis, seeking a fourth straight world otle in the 100, had the second best time of 10.15. Nigeria's Daniel Effiong, Bruny Surin of Canada and Raymond Stewart of Jamaica all ran 10.23, while Olympic champion Linford Christie of Britain posted 10.24.

Dennis Mitchell of the United States ran a 10.26 and Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, silver medalist in Barcelona, finished in

"I'm just going out and running my race," Cason said. "I had a mediocre start. My reaction was good, but some of my mechanics were off. I feel I can improve my

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ome.' Lewis, who has failed to win at 100 metres this season, said he 45.94.

They rattled everyone," he said. "I didn't react very well, but I felt as good as ever running-

Chrisoe declined to speak with reporters.
"The talking is finished," he

said. "This is where the business starts. Second-round qualifying in the

100 was scheduled for Saturday evening, with the final on Sunday In the men's 400, the three top

favourides - all Americans coasted through the first round. World record-holder Buteh Reynolds, who missed the Barce-lona Olympics due to a drug suspension, won bis heat in 45.34.

Michael Johnson, unbeaten in the 400 since 1989, captured his heat in 45.60, and Olympic ebampion Ouincy Watts eased up and finished second in his heat at

Evans shrugs aside Barcelona

KOBE (R) - Triple world record bolder Janet

Evans, unbeaten in 400 metres freestyle since 1986

- Barcelona Olympics excepted - swept to an

easy victory in the finals of the Pan Pacific

Swimming Championships Saturday. Evans, re-cord holder at 400, 800 and 1,500 metres freestyle.

won in four minutes 07.47 seconds to help dispel

ber 1992 setback when she was toppled in Spain by

German outsider Dagmar Hase, "I cannot remem-

ber how many (400 metres) golds I have as 1 don't

count, but Barcelona is the only one I didn't get going back to 1986." the American told reporters. Promising Costa Rican Claudia Poll, who won the

200 metres freestyle final Thursday, finished

second in 4:09.61. Australia's Kieren Perkins, men's freestyle world record holder at 800 and 1,500, added 400 gold to Thursday's 800 vietory, breaking the Pan Pacific record in 3:49.43.

STUTTGART (AP) - Lyudmila Dzhigalova, a

400-metre runner from Ukraine, has been banned

for four years after testing positive for steroids, the IAAF said Saturday. Dzhigalova failed an out-of-competition test in Kiev, Ukraine, on July 31, said

International Amateur Athletic Federation

spokeswoman Jayne Pearce. "She has been sus-

pended for four years pentling a hearing with her

national federation," Pearce said. Dzhigalova, 31

had been entered in the 400 and the 4-x-400 relay

at the World Championships, which opened in

Stuttgart Saturday. Her han takes immediate

effect, ruling ber out of the Championships. Dzhigalova finished second in the 400 metres at the

1987 World University Games and the 1990 Good-

will Games. She won a gold medal at the 1992

Olympics as part of the 4-by-400 relay team

Ukrainian runner banned for

"I feel victorious just being here," said Reynolds, who bas a fought a long and coastly legal battle with the sport's governing

body over his drug suspension. "I don't think anybody could go through the trials and tribulations that I've been though and make it here today," he said. 'It's time to put the negative stuff behind me and bring out the man

in me. As the fourth World Championships got underway Saturday at the Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium, track and field continued to face a conflict between athletes and administrators over the issue of prize money.

Lewis says this will be the last time he competes at the world championships without getting paid. Noureddine Morceli is less padent - he's bolding out for cash prizes now.

Earlier this year, many leading American athletes threatened to boycott the Stuttgart meet unless they were offered prize money. The International Amateur Athletic Federacon refused.

A boycott was averted, however, when the IAAF arranged for Mercedes to offer new-model 'C" cars worth about \$30,000 to each individual winner.

That was enough to appease most of the athletes — for now. This is hard work for nothing," said Lewis, winner of the 100 metres at all three previous World Championships. "I think it is the last time we will be running

"Having a car for first place is a step in the right direction," said American 400-metre runner Michael Johnson.

It wasn't enough, though, to convince Morceli to compete, The Algerian world recordholder and reigning world cham-pion at 1,500 metres is vowing to stay away unless he's paid,
"In any hig show, all the actors

are paid," said Morceli's agent, Amar Brahmia. "In this case, they don't want to pay the actors. There is at least one actor who refuses to work for free.'

The LAAF has warned Morceli that he risks a two-year suspension and a ban from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta if he doesn't show up. Behind-the-scenes efforts are cononuing to try to get him to change his mind.

There still is a change Morceli could compete, since he is staying in bordering Switzerland and the 1,500 heats don't begin until next Thursday.

For some of the other 1,862 athletes from 189 countries, the competition started right away. Saturday's schedule includes another medal event --- the men's

maratbon. Also on tap were heats in the men's 800 and 5,000, and women's qualifying in the 400, 800 and 3,000.

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#### Rebels fight navy in Sri Lanka lagoon

COLOMBO (R) - Tamil guerrilias exchanged fire with navy patrols in a disputed lagoon separating the rebel-controlled northern Jaffna peninsula from mainland Sri Lanka early Saturday, residents said. They said the shooting erupted when the rebels were returning to Jaffna after escorting a convoy of boats carrying about 2,000 Jaffna residents to the mainland. "We don't know if there were any casualties," said a resident who reached Vavuniya, the northernmost town under government control. "We heard the sound of hattle." The military has hanned traffic across the Jaffna Lagoon to prevent its use hy the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels, fighting for independence in the island's north and east.

#### Russia condemns Ukrainian statements

MOSCOW (AP) - Ukraine is violating pledges to become nuclear-free hy claiming the START I nuclear arms treaty allows it to keep SS-24 long-range missiles, a Russian official said Friday. 'The SS-24 missiles are not excluded from the START I treaty,' said Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Demurio. "Such statemeots represent a deliberate falsification of facts and international agreements." Former Soviet nuclear arms are still scattered across Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan. All except Ukraine have ratified the 1991 U.S.-Soviet START I treaty. International experts have said the strategic arms reduction treaty and related protocols - once ratified by all parties would leave Russia as the only nuclear power among the former Soviet republics. But Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk last month offered a new reading of the accord, saying it allowed his country to keep 46 of the SS-24 missiles. He proposed a special treaty between the United States, Ukraine and Russia on the destruction of the missiles, which are capable of carrying 10

#### 'Black death' reported in CIS

MOSCOW (R) - A case of "hlack death" has been diagnosed in Kazakhstan, the latest in a series of horrible diseases thought to have been eradicated this century that have resurfaced in the former Soviet Union. Postfactum News Agency said e woman had been taken to hospital in Kazakhstan's Kzyl-Ordinsk region with Bubonic plague, the hlack death which in the 14th century killed as much as three quarters of the population of Europe and parts of Asia. Symptoms include high fever, chills, painful swellings in the groin and haemorrhages that turn black. The agency quoted doctors as saying the woman caught the acutely-infectious disease after cutting up the body of a hare which her husband had brought home from a hunting trip. Vladlen Kim, deputy head of the local epidemic centre, told Postfactum that 119 people who had heeo in contact with the woman were being kept under medical observation. Diseases which were once almost eradicated are reappearing as the former Soviet state health system crumbles. They include cholera, diphtheria and malignani anthrax. Russia's sanitary and epidemics service said it had registered 17 cases of cholera in the past six weeks, either brought in from the Indian sub-continent or caused by poor quality drinking water at home. Dphtheria is also on the rise.

#### Sierra Leone troops recapture towns

FREETOWN (R) - Sierre Leone troops have recaptured two eastern towns held by rebels for two years, an army officer said Friday. Lieutenam-Colonel Kess Boya said his men took the towns of Giehun and Buidnidi on Aug. 11, injuring three rebels of Foday Sankoh's Revolutionary United Front (RUF) and suffering one wounded on their side. The RUF invaded eastern Sierra Leone in March 1991, with the help of Charles Taylor's rebels in neighbouring Liberia, and took control of a number of towns in the border country. Col. Boya said the RUF still held the district capital of Kailahun but his men were making progress. "We are with the hope that the war will soon come to an end in the eastern and southern regions of the country," he told Reuters.

#### Cuban pastors join U.S. protest

HAVANA (R) — Three Cuhan clergymen began a hunger strike in solidarity with colleagues in Texas who want the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba lifted. The clergymen, one a member of Cuba's National Assembly, began the fast in front of the U.S. interests section in Havana. They said they were supporting 13 clergymen fasting in Laredo, Texas, to protest the ban oo delivery of a school bus to Cuha. "We want to express our solidarity with our brothers there (in the United States)," the Reverend Raul Suarez, a Baptist pastor, told reporters. He was accompanied in the protest vigil outside the seafront U.S. diplomatic building in Havana hy and the Reverend Juan Ramon De La Paz the Reverend Nerva Cot, both Episcopalians. In Laredo members of the Minneapolis-based religious group Pastors For Peace are in the 16th day of a hunger strike to protest the refusal by U.S. customs officials to allow a yellow school bus to leave U.S.

#### Taiwan asks U.N. to reconsider

TAIPEI (AP) — Taiwan, looking to end its international isolation, said Saturday that the United Nations should reconsider its decision to exclude Taiwan. A Foreign Ministry statement said the U.N.'s decision to admit Communist China in 1971, forcing Taiwan to give up its U.N. seat, was a "a product of the cold "The United Nations should review this issue in the post-cold war era to protect the rights of (Taiwan's) 20.8 million people," the statement said. Recently, Taiwan has beguo lobbying to return to the United Nations, arguing that as the world's 14th largest trading nation it is too economically important to be isolated. Taiwan's Nationalist government fled here after defeat at the hands of Mao Tse-Tung's Communists in 1949. China regards Taiwan as a renegade province and has vigorously opposed Taiwanese moves to rejoin the United Nations.

#### Italian police arrest top mafia boss

ROME (R) — Italiao police arrested one of the country's most wanted mafia suspects after raiding a yacht off the island of Capri, state television reported. The reports said 38-year-old Felice Maniero was detained with eight other people on the vessel off the coast of the popular southern boliday island. Mr. Maniero, who faces accusations of criminal association and drug trafficking, had been a fugitive for more than two years. From the northeastern city of Venice, Mr. Maniero is believed to have close links with the Sicilian mafia. Police in Italy have scored a string of spectacular successes in the battle against organised crime

#### 4 story building collapses in S. Korea

SEOUL (AP) — A four-story huilding of shops and offices collapsed Saturday in downtown Pusan, South Korea's second largest city, killing at least one person, a news report said. Dozens of people raced from the building screaming moments before the building tilted and collapsed in rubble, said the national Yonhap News Agency. Soo Young-Mi, a 16-year-old high school student and the daughter of the owner of a restaurant on the first floor, was pulled from beneath the debris but died at the hospital, Yonhap said. An unidentified pedestrian in her 30s suffered serious injuries when she was hit by chunks of falling debris, Yonhap said. An automobile parked at the curb was crushed, it

#### China orders stricter control of news

PEKING (R) - Tightening its vice-like grip on the news media, China has issued new orders requiring all groups to register news conference and strictly banning any leaks of "party and national secrets". The state council edict instructs news conference to "focus on the country's reform and opening-up, economic development and other major issues closely related to the people" the official Xinhua News Agency said at the weekend.

## Egyptian court clears 24 of murder charge, blasts police

CAIRO (Agencies) — A special security court acquitted 24 alleged Muslim extremists Satur-day on charges they killed the speaker of Egypt's parliament. The chief judge blasted police for torturing confessions from the defendants.

Teo defendants, including one fugitive, were convicted of lesser weapons and other charges and sectedced to prison for terms at hard labour up to 15 years.

In finding everybody inoocent of the Oct. 12, 1990, assassination of Parliament Speaker Rifaat Al Mahjouh, Chief Judge Wahid Mahmoud Ibrahim noted that pooe of 100 prosecution witnesses identified any of the defendants.

Additionally, he said, "none of the defeodants have escaped torture. Medical reports showed that they were subjected to the ugliest forms of torture, including electric shock, hanging by the arms, blindfolding and handcuffing. "The (Egyptian) judiciary's

conscience rejects the police's use of these ugly methods. The acts of the security authorities reflect their shortcomings in discovering

Western governments and hnman rights organisations contend that Egyptian iovestigators routinely use torture in amassing evidence, especially against accused Islamic extremists.

But while defendants often complain of torture to courts trying them, such an outburst by a judge is unusual. Torture is seldom given as a reason for acquitting people.

The state-owned Middle East News Agency, qnoting a judicial source, reported that prosecutors may ask for a retrial before another court on grounds of legal errors. The report did not specify what type of errors would nullify the verdict. The agency's report did not mention the judge's torture criticism.

The verdict was a blow for the government which has resorted to the courts as a key weapon in its battle against Muslim militants plotting to overthrow it and set up a purist Islamic state.

The eight-judge panel cleared all the defendants of the murder of Mr. Mahjoub, who was gunned down with five others ontside a luxury hotel, and instead accused the police of extracting confessions by torture.

Nigerians

challenge

day.

Millions of people headed to the beach and to visit friends,

treating the general strike against

the regime of military dictator

General Ibrahim Babangida as an

Soldiers deployed to stop any

street protests were relaxed on

Saturday, lounging under high-way bridges with their rifles and

Homan rights groups called the

organised stay-at-home strike a

success because it showed people

were ready to paralyse commerce

to force their demands for demo-

Yet the strike was confined to

the highly populated southwest

corner of the country, the ethnic stronghold of Moshood K.O.

Abiola, the apparent winner of

annulled June 12 elections that

were to end a decade of military rule over Nigeria's 90 million

Meanwhile, the military said it had overturned a bombing plot

Federal Information Secretary

Uche Chukwumerije declared

that a "disgruntled politician and

his agents" planned to explode

bombs in Lagos and the adminis-

trative capital Abuja, as well as to

hlow up the pipelines from the southern oil fields.

Mr. Chukwumerije said the

Mr. Abiola, a former ITT

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Gen. Bahangida indicated he

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On television Friday night, he

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justice rejects that the police use all these ugly forms of torture. The court does not admit any evidence from the defendants extracted under torture," Judge Ibrahim told the packed and

tense court. Mr. Mahjoub was the most important Egyptian to be assassinated since President Anwar Sadat was killed in 1981.

The judge said medical reports showed that oone of the 16 defendants in court escaped torture. Some who had coofessed to planning the murder had been giveo electric shocks in their genitals, hung upside down, and severely

Some had been partially paralysed by the torture.

The judge said security forces resorted to torture to extract confessions "to justify their ineptness and impotence in catching the real culprits."

Fundamentalists praised the verdict hut an Egyptian official said it proved that judges were being intimidated by militants and that Presideot Hosni Mubarak was right to transfer militant cases to military courts to ensure harsh and swift punishment.

The verdict is a farce. It is a real joke. If someone was found pickpocketing he would have been jailed for more than this," one official told Reuters.

This proves the government was right when it transferred militants to military courts becasue the jodges are scared the militants would cut their throat if they convict them. This verdict will call for more trials in military courts," he said.

Bahaeddin Hassan from the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights (EOHR) said the judge's statement was the strongest evidence that torture was used in Egypt and that the security authorities could no longer deny it. The court sentences, after a

leisurely trial lasting over two years, were in stark contrast to those handed down by special military courts set up by Mr. Mubarak last year, which have sentenced 21 militants to death over the past six months.

Relatives cheered, ulniated and cried for joy at the verdicts, Some screamed "Allahn Akbar"

and fundamentalist lawyers praised the "honest and objectivity" of the Egyptian judiciary.

"The Egyptian judiciary has cleared the shame of Egyptian justice and highlighted the injustice of the military courts. This is a victory to Islam," militant leader Safwat Abdul Ghani told Reu-

The judge said: "The Egyptian judiciary does not try people for their ideology and beliefs even if their ideology opposes the ruling government. These people have asked for the appliance of the Sharia law which conforms with the constitution."

Mr. Abdul Ghani, leader of the political wing in the Gama'a Al İslamiya (İslamic Group) fundamentalist organisation was jailed for five years with hard labour for possessing bullets and forging official papers. He is also standing trial for the killing of anti-fundamentalist writer Farag

Mamdouh Yousef, leader of the group's military wing, was jailed for seveo years.

The judge said forensic proofs contradicted confused evideoce given by prosecution witnesses. Out of over 100 prosecution witnesses, none could conclusively identify the defeodants as the

The government had mounted a campaign against the militants who have attacked foreign tourists, Christians and police since March last year, More thao 175 people have been killed and over 300 wounded in militant-related

One slogan that arose from the defendant's cage referred to the U.S.-hased spiritual guide to Al

"Oh, Omar Abdul Rahman, you are the one who rocks the throne of tyranny. Tell everbody about us. Egypt is going to be ruled by the Koran

The trial opeoed in June 1991 in the same suburhan courtroom, a converted theatre at a fairground, in which Sheikh Abdul Rahman and other fundamentalists were tried for the 1981 coop attempt that followed the assassination of President Sadat. Sheik: Abdul Rahman, now fighting extradition from the United States, was acquitted.

## Kidnapping suspected in Jordan's murder

The shooting death of James Jordan is being investigated as a kidnapping by the FBI, and authorities said NBA star Michael LAGOS (AP) - Shop doors were closed and the markets bare Jordan's father was killed soon after he vanished three weeks Saturday, a typically busy shop-ping day, as Nigerians defied the military government for a third

A body found floating in a South Carolina creek Aug. 3 was ideotified Friday as Jordan's and authorities said they were treating the case as a homicide.

Jordan, the father of perhaps the most well-known athlete in the world, was last seen July 22, and his luxury car was found stripped in a wooded area near Fayetteville Aug. 5. His hody was found near McColl, S.C., about 60 miles (96 kilometres) southwest of Favetteville.

Authorities arrested a 16-yearold Favetteville boy Friday in connection with the car-stripping incident, but added that it was unlikely the youth was involved in the Jordan death.

Dental records were used to identify the hadly decomposed body as that of Jordan, 57. Records of the hawbone and teeth were taken at the time of the autopsy, theo matched with the records taken to South Carolina. Marlboro County Corooer Tim Brown said the body was Cremated Aug. 6, after the autopsy but before it was identified.

Reached at home in Chicago's northern suhurbs Friday, Michael Jordan's wife. Juanita, told the Chicago Sun-Times: "This is just like watching a movie. It's not real. You can't believe it's happeuing to your family. It just hasn't sunk in vet."

Michael Jordan arrived in Charlotte hy chartered jet and immediately went to his parents' home.

alleged plot was orchestrated from the U.S. headquarters of Cumberland County authorthe International Telephone and ities, who are in charge of the homicide investigation, said they had no suspects and no motive for chairman for Africa and the Midthe slaying. They reported no ransom demands had been made dle East, responded with laughter from the United States, where he on the family. But Thomas Lusby, FBI assisis lobhying for international

tant special agent in charge in North Carolina, said the agency is treating the incident as a possible kidnapping because Jordan "was last seeo in North Carolina and his vehicle was recovered here and the body was recovered in South Carolina."

"This gives us a reasonable presumption he was taken against

his will and abducted," he said. "There aren't any witnesses coming forth. We've got to conduct a thorough investigation and turn over every rock we can,"

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) - Lushy said. Michael Jordan, who earlier this year led the Chicago Bulls 10

their third consecutive NBA championship, has made no public statement on his father's death. His mother, Deloris, was thought to be at her home in North Carolina bot also had not commented publicly.

The elder Jordan had not been seen since late July when he attended the funeral of a friend in Wilmingtoo. Family members, who were reportedly used to Jordan going off on his own, had not reported him missing.

Authorities said Thursday they began searching for Jordan after they learned he was the owner of a luxury car found Aug. 5 in a wooded area near Fayetteville. Th red Lexus 400 had been stripped of its tires, stereo speakers and personalized licence plates, the front windshield was shattered and the back window was completely broken out.

Cumberland County aothorities said the vandalism to the car may be unrelated to Jordan's death, noting that it had been driven to the area and locked.

Jordan was close to his 30-yearold son, whose basketball success brought him earnings estimated at \$30 million a year and contracts for everything from foolwear to hot dogs.

He shared in Michael Jordan's

success, was frequently at courtside in Chicago Stadium, and even appeared in commercials with him.

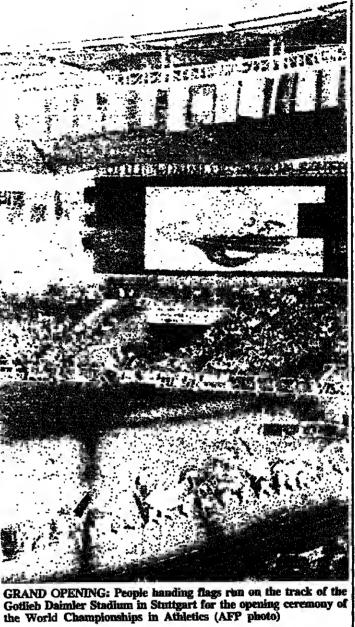
The father also shared in the son's more difficult moments. When the Bulis star was accused of excessive gamhling during the NBA semifinals against the New York Knicks, it was James Jordan who served as his spokesman. Jordan admitted cambling but

said his losses were exaggerated. His gambling had prompted an NBA investigation. He once paid off \$165,000 in golff and poker debts, including a \$57,000 check to a convicted cocaine dealer, but the NBA found no reason to discipline him.

Esquinas said Friday that James Jordan also liked to gamble, but he would not say whether he thought that might have played a role in his death.

Dr. Keenek Garvin, a forensic pathologist at South Carolina's Newberry County Memorial Hospital who helped perform the autopsy Aug. 4, said Jordan had been dead "quite a while."

Bedsole declined to speculate on what may have happened or



### Aloni confirms meeting with PLO's Darwish

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli government minister has confirmed she met with a senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Paris last June.

Cultural Affairs Minister Shulamit Aloni, leader of the leftwing Meretz bloc, said she met with Mahmud Darwish, a member of the PLO's Executive Com-

"It was a few mouths ago. It is not interesting and it is not news," Ms. Alom told Reuters. The confirmation comes as the Jewish state edges closer to breaking its policy against direct talks with the PLO which it has said is a "terrorist" group beot on the destruction of Israel.

Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who attended the meeting, said the sides discussed ways of advancing the 21-month old Israeli-Palestinian

peace talks. minister
"We discussed the difficulties mission. we perceived in the talks along with ways to get over the deadlock. It was done in a spirit of attemptiog to iron out difficulties," she said.

Asked if Ms. Aloni was repre-

there in her capacity as a minister and not on an individual basis." Israel said on Friday it would continue talking to Palestinian peace negotiators even though they were appointed to senior

PLO positions. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the appointments, announced at PLO headquarters in Tunis Thursday, were some-thing of a "gimmick" and did not change the nature of the Middle

> the end of Angust. Earlier this week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office confirmed Mr. Rabin knew in advance aboot a recent meeting Environment Minister Yossi Sarid held in Cairo with Nabil Shaath, a senior PLO official.

The prime minister's spokes-. man said Mr. Rabin knew about the meeting but stressed the minister was not on a government

The overall head of the Palestinian peace talks delegation, Faisal Al Husseini, told Israel Television's Arabic news programme oo Friday: "Meetings were held between Israeli ministers and seoting the Israeli government at the meeting, she said: "Aloni was recent events."

#### **Botha: ANC must** choose peace or war JOHANNESBURG (R) -

South Africa's ruling National Party kicked off its campaign for next year's historic all-race election Saturday by challenging Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) to make up its, mind whether it wanted peace or

Foreign Minister Pick Botha told the party's first formal campaign rally that the ANC should act against its radical youth leader Peter Mokaba following a con-troversial call to arms this week.

"Can't you make up your minds what you want in this country? Do you want war or do you waot peace?" Mr. Botha said, in remarks addressed to the ANC.

He said it was not enough to let Mr. Mokaha, leader of the ANC's militant youth wing, continue making inflammatory statements and then repudiate them later. "We will not be intimidated. We are not going to lie down," he added.

Mr. Mokaba told hlack youths at a funeral to stop shooting into the air and "direct those bullets against (President F.W.) de He also called for the disman-

tling of migrant-worker hostels occupied by the rival Inkatha Freedom Party and said soldiers and police should be driven from the black townships. Roelf Meyer, chief government

negotiator at multi-party democracy talks dominated by his party and the ANC, told the National Party rally that the party would guarantee a democracy free from minority domination. "We want to be huilders and we want to get rid of the breakers in our society.

We want a democracy in which there will be oo room for the Mokahas and the other breakers of this world," he said.

Police are already considering whether to hring charges against Mr. Mokaba for fanning racial tension by leading youths in the guerrilla chant "kill the Boer, kill

The ANC repudiated his latest remarks Friday, hut made no meotion of disciplinary action against him.

Mr. Meyer said negotiators were making steady progress towards the first all-race election currently scheduled for April 27, but he said key differences over the powers of regional governments remained to be settled.

Conservative Party leader Fer-di Hartzenberg told his white separatist movement at a conference Friday evening he would try to force a postponement of the April election. It "cannot and must not take place within the present violence ... we will deal with the violence and make sure there is peace in South Africa,"

Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi met Inkatha leaders at his Ulundi capital Saturday to decide whether to return to the multi-party democracy forum. Inkatha stormed out last month in protest against the majority decision to overrule his objections and set an election date. Mr. Buthelezi has accused the ANC and the government of colluding to sideline him.

Inkatha officials said the talks were likely to continue all day and no decision was expected on

#### Russian mobsters use tank in street battle

MOSCOW (R) - Russian mobsters hijacked an ultra-modern army tank as they battled angry Muslim market traders in a major industrial city this week, Postfactum News Agency said. One of the traders was killed and two seriously injured during bloody street fighting in the Urals city of Nizhny Tagil, the agency quoted Interior Ministry officials as saying. Fighting broke out after the traders, mostly Muslim Ingushis from the Caocasus Mountains fringing southern Russia, decided they had had enough of handing over profits to the mafia. About 50 traders swept into town to settle their scores with the gangsters Thursday, brandishing guns and grenades, in a convoyer 10 cars. Sverdiovsk region Interior Ministry Press Centre said that a band of mobsters escaped from the shoolout and broke into a nearby army tank training ground, overpowering security guards to seize a tank. Nizhny Tagil's Uralvagonzavod factory is the world's biggest producer of tanks and railway carriages, turning out an average of 1,500 tanks a year. The hi-tech T-90 tank was being fine-tuned by a mechanic before being handed over for army use. No soldiers were on board. Gangsters forced the mechanic to surrender by threatening him with a sawn-off shotgun and hand grenades, Post st tum said. Gang bosses then as manded that the city be "purged" of all its dark-skinned Cancasian residents, frequent targets of Russian race hate. Police and Interior Ministry troops finally managed to put a stop to the fighting and. "smoke out" the gangsters from their tank.

#### Thai woman on drug charges in Singapore

SINGAPORE (R) - A Thai woman was charged in count Saturday with trafficking in 4.2 kilogrammes (9.2 lbs) of heroin. The woman, 32, was arrested at Singapore's Changi Airport Thursday by customs officials who found the beroin stuffed in the lining of her higgage, a Customs Department spokesman said. The heroin is estimated to have a street value of Singapore 4 million (\$2.5 million). The woman, who arrived on a flight from Bangkok, is the first Thai arrested for transporting lings illegally through the Singapore said. She will be remanded in airport, the customs spokesman custody pending investigations, a Central Narcotics Bureau official Teak said. Under Singapore's stringent anti-drug laws, anyone convicted &:. of trafficking in more than 15 20 grams (half an ounce) of heroin or 30 grams (one ounce) of morphine or 500 grams (18 ounces) of cannahis faces a mandatory death 'c sentence. Singapore has hanged 38 people for drug trafficking. most for dealing in heroin.

#### Navy charges officer from Tailhook convention

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The navy formally charged a third officer in the 1991 Tailhook Associatioo meeting. Lt. Cole V. Cowden, 32, was served with a copy of the charges and will face a court-martial, said navy spokesman Cmdr. John Toll. Lt. Cowden said he is accused of conduct onbecoming an officer and conduct of a oature to hring discredit upon the armed forces. He denoonced the charges. "Once upon a time, the navy was trying to find men who assaulted women," he said. "Now, it's boiled down to a few men who the navy's going to have to hang to avoid embarrassment." Li-Cowden is assigned to a flight squadron at Norfolk Naval Air Station, Cmdr. Tull said. At the time of the Tailhook meeting, was stationed at the Miramar Naval Air Station in San Diego. Naval Air Station in San Despuis Two other navy officers have been ordered to undergo courts martial as a result of the Pentagon's investigation of the Tailhook meeting in Las Vegas, where dozens of women said they were molested by drunken

#### Indonesia arrests captain of tragedy boat

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesian police have arrested a captain alleged to have forced 47 jobseekers into the sea where they drowned after his ship hit a sand bank off the Malaysian coast Antara News Agency said Satur day. All 120 passengers forced into the water some metres from shore in the Malace Straits after the accident last